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YOU WON'T NEED telling there's something of a monkey theme to this issue. *Donkey Konga* finally hits the UK plus we've got a totally exclusive feature on *Donkey Kong: Jungle Beat*.

A platformer you control with Bongos – crazy, no? But somehow it works. There's more to the issue than just rhythmic simians though. We go in-depth on *Mario Tennis*, having got to play it for the first time at the GameStars event, and it was good to meet a few of you there. The show was a great success with Nintendo able to showcase many of its new titles to you, the gaming public, for the first time. We also take an extensive look at *Prince Of Persia: Warrior Within* which is going to further solidify Ubisoft's position among the foremost publishing houses in the world. It shows just how far the company has come in the last two or three years.

We've also got a bumper reviews section for you to paw over. I've already mentioned *Donkey Konga*, but let's not forget a little thing called *Pikmin 2*. *Def Jam Fight For New York* is perhaps the big surprise of the month. *Vendetta* was a decent grappler but EA has literally pumped up the jam and come up with arguably the best fighting game on the GameCube. It's excessively violent, and although Gary's infatuation with

Flava Flav did reach disturbing levels, we love it. Speaking of which, we bid a sad farewell to the boy Adams this month. After 30 issues he's decided to hang up his joypad and sod off to university to learn about things other than levelling up and double jumps. The office will be a far less abstract place without him. But back to the reviews... we've also got *Terminator 3: The Redemption*, the latest *Tiger Woods*, *Tales Of Symphonia* in English (yay!) and finally *Animal Crossing* comes to Europe after a will they/won't they debate spanning two whole years. Better late than never, eh lads?

So it's a packed issue, and the pace is really picking up as we head towards the festive season. You better start saving your pennies because there's going to be an awful lot to spend them on over the coming months and you won't want to miss out on any of it, now will you?

Miles Guttery
Editor

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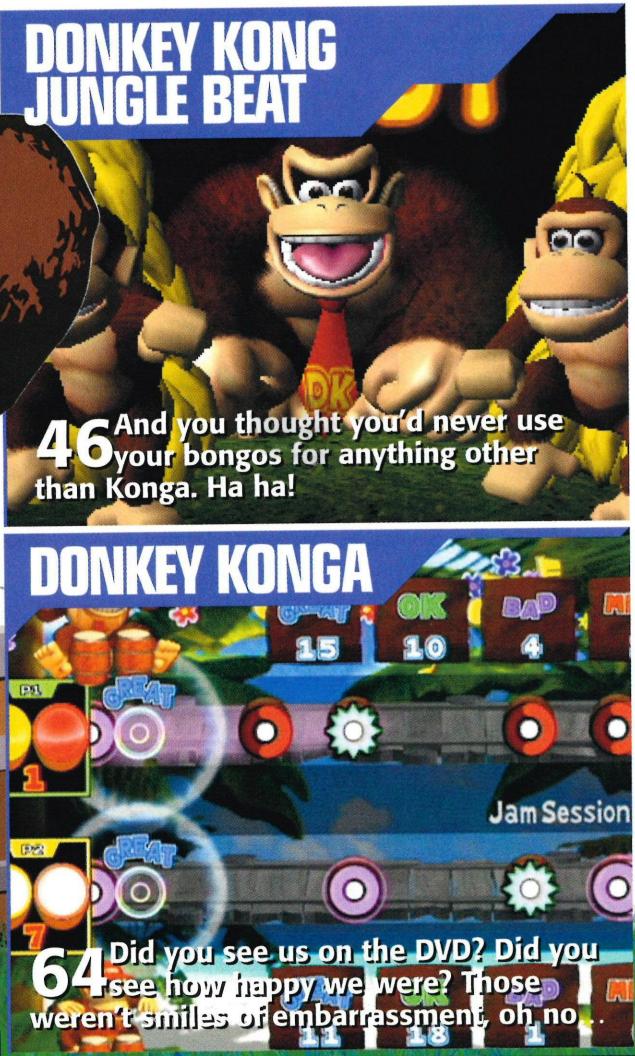
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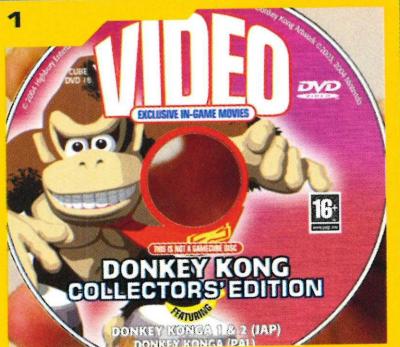
ON THE DISCS

Your monthly fix of brand new videogame footage and cheats for four of the month's biggest games.

HERE AT CUBE we've always been big fans of monkeys: it's just the way we were brought up, and finally, after working on it for nearly three years, we've managed to bring you a DVD full of the damn things. Oh, and have you ever seen such a great Cheats Disc line-up? Erm... we think not.

USING THE DVD

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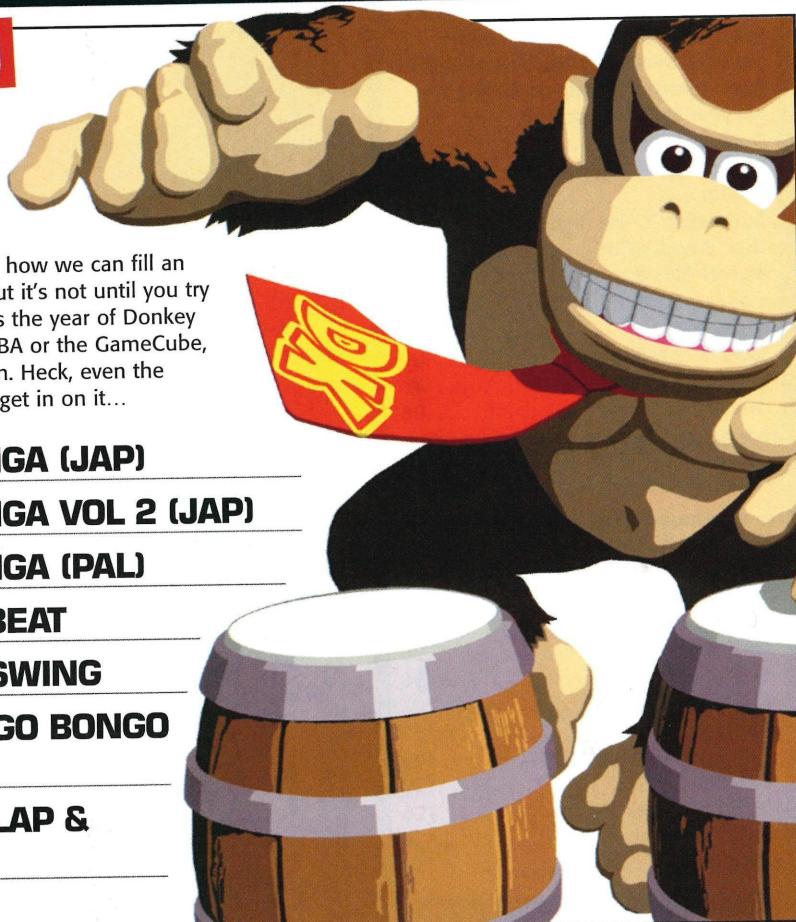
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DONKEY KONG SPECIAL

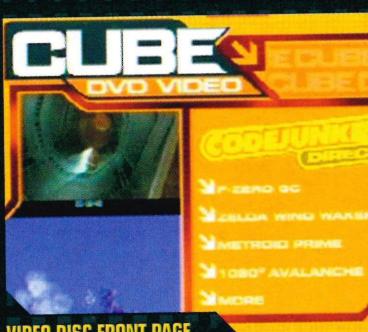
It might be difficult to see how we can fill an entire disc with monkeys, but it's not until you try that you realise 2004 truly is the year of Donkey Kong. Whether it's on the GBA or the GameCube, there's an awful lot going on. Heck, even the celebrities are desperate to get in on it...

- **DONKEY KONGA (JAP)**
- **DONKEY KONGA VOL 2 (JAP)**
- **DONKEY KONGA (PAL)**
- **DK JUNGLE BEAT**
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● TOM CLANCY'S RAINBOW SIX 3 (PAL)

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INFINITE AMMO

● SHREK 2 (PAL)

COMPLETE SCRAPBOOK
INFINITE COINS
SLOT 1: ALL CHARACTERS
INFINITE HEALTH
MOON JUMP

● SPLINTER CELL: PANDORA TOMORROW (PAL)

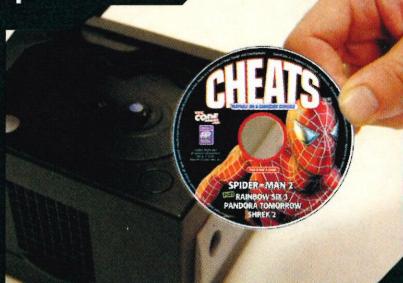
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USING THE CHEATS

CHEAT TO WIN

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Simply slap it in and boot up your machine...

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...then follow the simple prompts.

NEXT MONTH

You may have noticed that we've spent the last two months bringing you special edition DVDs, so next month we've got a whole load of new footage that's been on the backburner. How are we going to fit it all in?

THE GAMES

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METROID PRIME 2
PRINCE OF PERSIA 2
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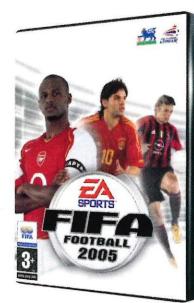
Fernando Morientes

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INFORMATION

CALL OF DUTY: FINEST HOUR

PUBLISHER: ACTIVISION

DEVELOPER: SPARK UNLIMITED

ORIGIN: US

GENRE: FPS

PLAYERS: 1

WHAT'S NEW

✓ NEW SCREENS

✓ NEW LEVELS REVEALED

✓ GAMEPLAY DETAILS

✓ CHARACTER INFO

✗ STORYLINE SPOILERS

New Info! We've got more screenshots and details about this phenomenal game.



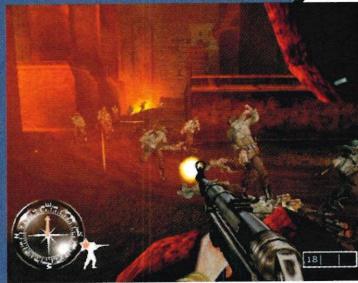
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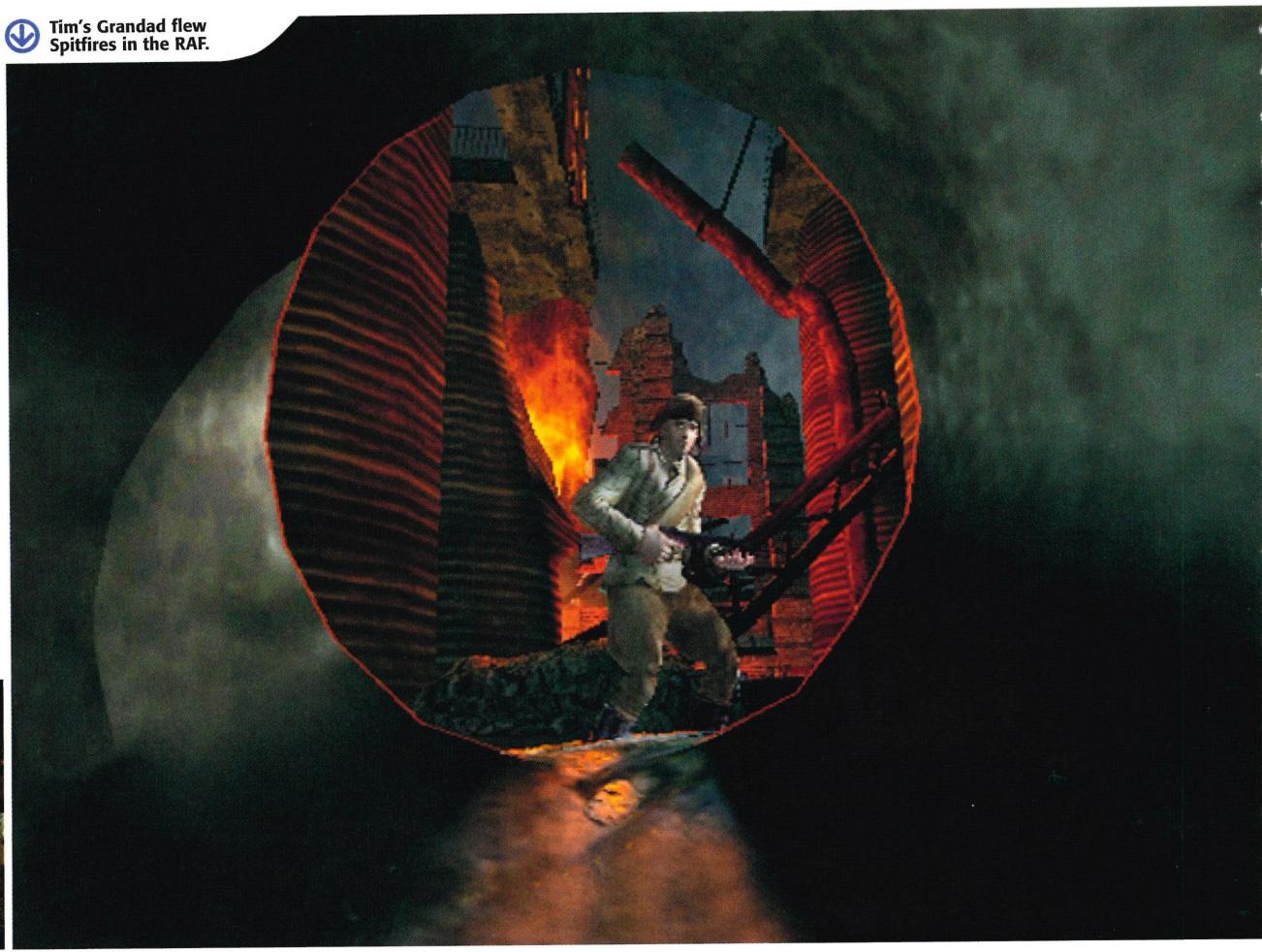
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NOV '04



Tim's Grandad flew Spitfires in the RAF.



CALL OF DUTY:



War – what is it good for? Videogames...

NOW HERE'S A new thing – a war game that isn't out to glamorise the events of World War II. Instead of acting like a bullet-proof robot and disposing of the entire Nazi threat via natty headshots and a couple of medi-packs, you're instead thrown straight into the battlefield as a young Russian where you witness your commander being shot as he delivers a speech, hundreds

of your comrades crushed by falling masonry as the Germans blitz Stalingrad with all their might, and your friends mowed down by machine-gun fire around you. All this and you're not even armed.

This is how the war was really fought on the Eastern front – half a million Russian troops dead and nearly a quarter of a million Germans killed or captured inside seven months of battling. This is the setting for the first level, and watching your virtual friends use their own AI to skirmish with the

German troops, seeing buildings topple under heavy fire from the Nazi War Machine, flinging yourself from cover to cover, desperately searching for a fallen soldier's rifle, ducking the bullets whizzing overhead, well, it immediately sets itself apart from the relatively sedate and sanitised experience offered by the likes of *Medal Of Honor*. And we like it. We like it a lot. We like the idea that in this game bullets really do kill – no sweaty grunting and then back to normal – we like the fact that you work as a team rather than a lone soldier

Liz's Gran decoded Nazi comms in WWII.

'IT'S BRUTALLY HONEST IN ITS DEPICTION OF WORLD WAR II'



FINEST HOUR

(and no, this isn't like *Ghost Recon* where you're ordering them about – they rush forward, duck and cover, fall back and above all, die of their own accord. And they don't come back).

Unlike a lot of console war games, this is about realism, the heroics that become everyday occurrences and the awful situations people were forced into. It's about fearsome, lumbering tanks crushing civilian homes underneath their hastily manufactured tracks, about storming a tactically important location that happens to play

home to a small town and having to flush families out and face the consequences of their often violent outrage, and most exciting of all, it's about seeing the war from three different perspectives. You will get to play as a young Russian infantryman, a British soldier and a Russian sniper. You'll also get to drive tanks as part of the American 761st Black Panther Battalion – an all-black armoured unit who were targets for racism from both their own countrymen and the Germans. *Call of Duty* doesn't shy away, doesn't slap make-up over

shameful acts like this then hide under the label of being 'just a videogame'. It's brutally honest in its depiction of World War II, and with around 30 people on the development team who were previously involved in the *Medal Of Honor* series, you know it's going to be a fantastic game in its own right. The *Call of Duty* series has been wowing PC owners for some time, and now it's our turn for a piece of the action. Look out for more info in the coming months and expect a release towards the end of the year.

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↙ ...unless it's for oil or will buy votes or distract from immediate problems.





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INFORMATION

MEGA MAN X: COMMAND MISSION

PUBLISHER: CAPCOM
DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE
ORIGIN: JAPAN
GENRE: RPG
PLAYERS: 1

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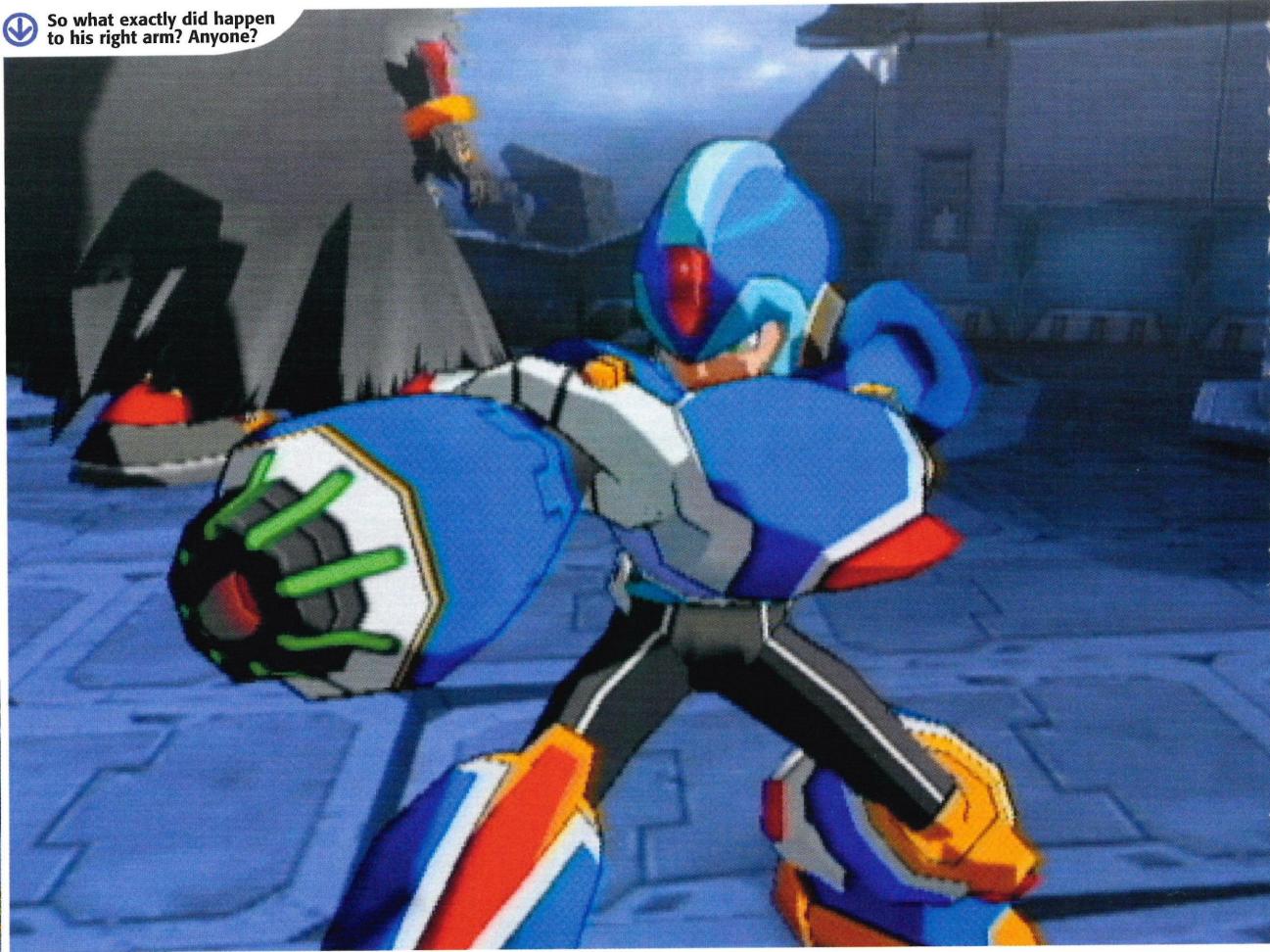
- ✓ NEW SCREENS
- ✓ NEW LEVELS REVEALED
- ✓ GAMEPLAY DETAILS
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X STORYLINE SPOILERS

Hands-On!: Now we've got it we can tell you exactly what it's all about.



So what exactly did happen to his right arm? Anyone?



MEGA MAN X: COMMAND MISSION

The boy in blue is looking good...

DESPITE BEING ONE of the longest running sagas in videogaming history, the *Mega Man* games don't come with the same kind of anticipation that other mascot-based games do. That's probably because they rarely do anything amazingly new, but with *Mega Man X*

Command Mission that's all set to change, and about time too.

Regular readers will already know that we've been touting this game as the GameCube's very own *Final Fantasy*, and this is *Final Fantasy VII* in the *Mega Man* universe. Kind of. We've

played the game for a few hours now, and while we can't assure you of how deep the battle system goes, we can give you a good idea of what to expect.

The game starts by throwing you straight into a mission. Mega Man is sent to join his team-mates after they

"A QUICK DESCRIPTION WOULD HAVE TO BE 'FINAL FANTASY VII IN THE MEGA MAN UNIVERSE'"

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands!



discover that a section of their HQ has been sabotaged. Until you reach them though, you have to learn how to fight on your own. The battle system, although extremely simple at this stage, works very well. Initially Mega Man has three attacks: his standard gunshot, a primary missile-launcher and a secondary missile-launcher. These weapons are assigned to \triangle , \square and \diamond . The battles are turn-based, and in each round you can perform as many attacks as your Weapon Energy allows. Each time you use a weapon you deplete your Weapon Energy gauge. For example, if your WE is at 50% you may be able to fire a standard shot and a missile. With the gauge at 100% you can probably afford to use a standard shot and three missiles. Your WE replenishes itself a little every round, but the amount used is totally dependant on what weapons you have attached to your armour. As you might expect, throughout the game

you'll be able to upgrade and buy new weapons and attachments, though we're not entirely sure at this point whether the upgrades will be aesthetically noticeable. We can but hope.

As with any good RPG, *Command Mission* has Limit Break moves, although they're a little different from usual. You can actually choose to use them whenever you want, but again they're dependant on your WE levels, so you won't get a worthwhile result unless you wait for full power. Mega Man's initial Limit Break is a simple task. When the prompt appears on-screen you just hold down the \diamond button while the move charges up, then let go. Other characters have more complex versions though. In one case you have to pull off *Street Fighter* style button combinations in order to perform the specials. The chain of command inputs gets more complex as you progress through the game.

As well as looking nicer and running more smoothly, the GameCube version also has one other aspect that puts it above and beyond its PS2 counterpart: the GBA link-up. You can send bots into previously cleared dungeons to search for treasures that you may have missed the first time around, but with the GBA plugged in you can actually see where the treasures are via a PDA-style map. It's only a little thing, granted, but it's a nice extra all the same, makes a change anyway.

All-in-all we're very impressed with the Japanese code of the game, but as with any in-depth RPG, we're missing out on the storyline. English-language code is due any time now, so we'll bring you more detailed impressions next month, along with an exclusive interview with the man who invented Mega Man himself. Yes, we really are that nice!

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AT A GLANCE

GAMESTARS LIVE

We went, we saw, we handed out a few flyers, then gorged ourselves on games and candyfloss.



NEWS ROUND UP

Movie game news featuring *Scarface* and *The Incredibles*, and of course *Trailer Of The Month*. And no pictures of Miles! Yaay!



VANISHING POINT

Are games the last form of decent entertainment? It's not like you're ever going to see *Game Idol* is it? Perish the thought.

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The release list and the chart – there's so much in here it'll make your brain bleed and your eyes leak tears of joy. Maybe

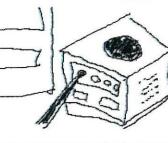
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WORLD NEWS

Lots of Nintendo news from all over the globe, plus news of the worst game announcement ever and some more stuff!

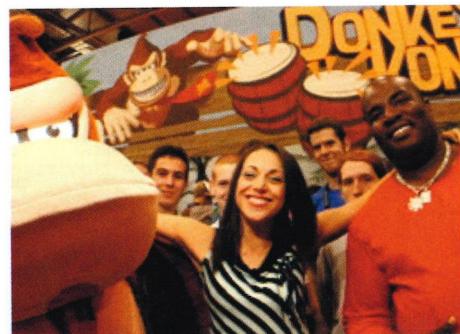
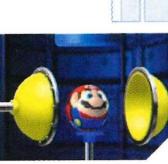
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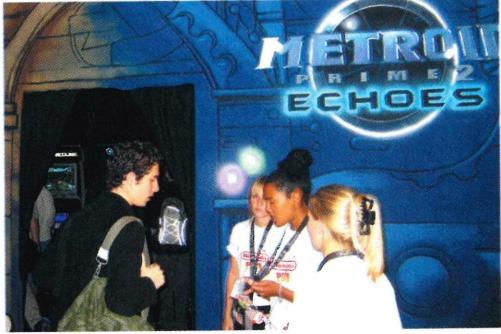
It's the section for all your GBA needs. Okay, the name's a bit crap. Do write in and tell us if you can think of a better one!

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Emily Booth enjoying being down with the kids after her evening stints on Live TV.

The queue for *Metroid Prime 2* was very long, indeed, although you can't tell here.



GAMESTARS

Nintendo impresses the crowds at GSL

DESPITE A ROCKY start to the show (a complete lack of electricity until 4pm on the first day, oops), Nintendo managed to entertain the masses at this year's GameStars Live show held at ExCel in London, on 1-5 September.

The Nintendo Pier certainly managed to impress the punters, with a full sized Helter skelter ride situated in the centre of an 'old-fashioned' games arcade. The arcade itself featured a range of stalls themed on classical fairground attractions, such as the *Animal Crossing* fishing pond, the Pink GBA SP candyfloss store (yummy), a fortune telling tent, and the World of Mario stall.

The main focus of the Nintendo Pier was the *Donkey Konga* Coconut Shy, which gave attendees a taster of the new rhythm-action title, and the chance to enter in the *Donkey Konga Bongo Battle*, the final of which was held on the main GameStars Live stage. Handily, there was a professional bongo player on site to show players how to improve their techniques.

Other attractions included the *Metroid Prime 2: Echoes* and *Legend Of Zelda: The Minish Cap* stand, which featured playable code of both games. Unsurprisingly, this



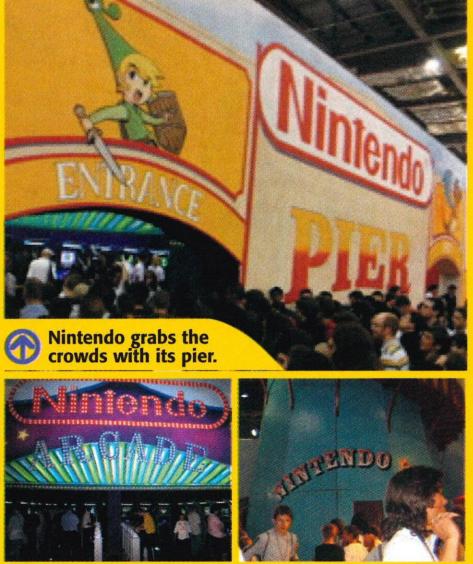
particular stand was jammed – good news for Nintendo after it spent so much time and money plugging these titles.

Other new games making an appearance were *Pokémon FireRed* and *LeafGreen* at the *Pokémon* Funfair stall, *Mario Tennis* in the Nintendo Arcade and *Paper Mario 2* and *Super Mario Ball* on the World Of Mario stand.

It wasn't all out with the old in with the new however, as the Nintendo Pier gave attendees the chance to play some a few games that are already available such as *Mario Vs Donkey Kong*, *Mario Kart: Double Dash!!*, *Animal Crossing* and *Mario Golf: Toadstool Tour*. Players could even test their skills out on the Mario Golf crazy golf course, before trying their hand at the game.

If this wasn't enough to keep everyone happy, Nintendo was also giving out free fake-tattoos as part of the Tribal Tour which has been touring the country promoting the new Tribal edition GBA SP.

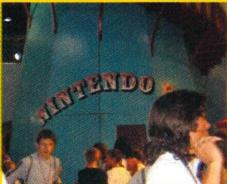
In all it was a successful show with Nintendo, proving once again that it's trying to reach out to gamers and give them exactly what they want – entertainment. And sweets and candyfloss, damn our sticky fingers – it makes typing so difficult!



"I REALLY THINK SOME OF THE PUBLISHERS TOOK THEIR EYE OFF THE BALL AND DIDN'T REALISE HOW SUCCESSFUL GAMECUBE HAD BEEN"

DAVID YARNTON, NOE

Nintendo grabs the crowds with its pier.



CUBE AT GSL

Role up, role up, and meet the CUBE team

If you were one of the lucky devils to attend GSL this year, then you might have noticed a few familiar faces lurking about the Nintendo Pier Sweet Shop, stuffing their gobs with free candyfloss and jelly babies. T'was us! Whooh!

We had our own stall at GSL, where game fans could come along and try their hand at writing a review, and even get a few helpful tips on how to get into the business. Aren't we lovely? Attendees could also enter into our fab daily competitions to win a GameCube, or simply pick up a copy of their favourite mag and chill out with the team. Which, lets face it, would have been worth the entrance money alone.



Look at Miles! He has no ass!

IN THE CUBE WITH...

DAVID YARNTON

POSITION: UK GENERAL MANAGER
COMPANY: NINTENDO EUROPE



CUBE: Communication with NCL (Nintendo Japan) seems to be a lot better these days. They seem to pay far more attention to Europe and listen to what we have to say. Would you agree with that?

DY: Yes, and that's a reflection of a way in which the company is changing. Mr Iwata wants to know more and more information about the business, so that when you go to him and discuss things, he understands. He understands the markets and he understands how they are different. We have to look at things differently and that's slowly filtering through. He comes to Europe every six to eight weeks for management meetings so that he can see first hands how things are, so things are definitely evolving.

CUBE: It's been a weird year: several publishers dropped their GameCube support and we had stores cutting off support, but now things seem to be getting better again. Why do you think that is?

DY: I think there are a number of issues there. I really think some of the publishers took their eye off the ball and didn't realise how successful GameCube had been. The statistics and the facts are out there: the GameCube has sold a lot. Europe has been very successful: okay, the UK has been tough but the sales for the last 12 months are 20 percent up on the previous year. We've got a lot of good product coming up that will help to boost the installed base, but we've also been talking to the third-parties more. We've been telling them what our plans are and involving them in the business.

CUBE: The line-up for Q4 '04 and even Q1 '05 is very strong. Looking forward though, the period between next summer and the launch of Revolution is a bit vague. What exactly is going to fill that void?

DY: I don't think the situation is any different to how it's been in the past. There are games in development but traditionally we don't say "this will be available on this day and this season". If we look back on the N64 and the SNES we were never really looking that far ahead in terms of what we announce. So, if you're looking at next summer... we're

working on Easter at the moment. The next stage after that, we'll be hearing some more stuff, but we never work that far ahead in terms of announcements. I don't think that's ever been any different.

CUBE: Everyone knows what Nintendo's attitude towards online is, but when you have games such as *Burnout 3* and *Star Wars Battlefront* not coming to GameCube specifically because of the lack of online facilities, surely you have to be concerned?

DY: I don't think we're in a position to look at that market in more detail just yet. We've got enough on our plate as it is. We're still making judgments on that area. It's a big thing for the opposition: it's their big push, because it's their point of difference. Long-term though, the big question is what does it mean to retail?

CUBE: You've got a video of Miyamoto-san talking about the DS at GameStars, so you're obviously ready to start pushing the new handheld to European gamers. When do you think you'll be showing more and talking about your launch plans?

DY: We're not really pushing it to gamers: we're just saying that it's coming. At this sort of show people want to see something like that. It's just a subtle way of saying that there are things coming and that we have got things in development. At this stage we're concentrating on this Christmas because we have a lot of good product this Christmas. Our focus in the UK is that period.

CUBE: With the lack of any GBA2 announcement, the general public will understandably compare the DS directly with the PSP. What's Nintendo's angle on that?

DY: We never release a new product just for the sake of it. There always has to be a new experience and innovation. If we're looking at the DS, it is a progression from the SP, and it's backwards compatible, but it has to offer new ways of gaming. So while PSP is a totally new product, we wouldn't design something just to compete with something else.



Centrefold. Samus gets the pin-up treatment on DS.

SOUND
BYTE

"TRANSCENDS GENERATIONS AND APPEALS TO CONTEMPORARY AND URBAN AUDIENCES ALIKE"

Vivendi Universal Games refers to Scarface. Does it now?

REVOLUTION RUMOURS WAY OFF THE MARK

New patent stirs up more speculation

WE ALL KNOW HOW much Nintendo likes to file patents, but when a US patent was granted recently, rumours started to spread about the possibility that the mystery device described in the document was the much anticipated Revolution.

The patent, number 6,769,989, described a device that would include "additional communication and storage capability via a modem and hard disk drive". The contraption would also include a "picture in picture" mode that would allow gamers to simultaneously watch television whilst playing games.

In addition to these features, the patent also went on to describe the device's ability to download complete games from the internet onto the machine's hard-drive. Given Nintendo's current stance on the internet and towards online services, this news came as a bit of a shock, and suspicions began to arise. Still, some believed that given the timing of the patent, it was indeed referring to the Revolution's functions or, possibly, a peripheral for the GameCube.

However, after a little digging, it was learnt that the patent was filed way back in 1999 so it was unlikely that Nintendo was planning the

Revolution back then. By far and away the biggest clue to the device's true identity, however, was the picture included with the patent that clearly showed a 64DD unit attached to an N64. PING!

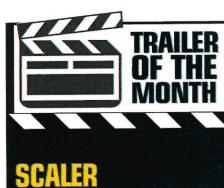
The penny finally dropped. The 64DD peripheral featured many of the functions mentioned in the patent, but despite its potential the 64DD was spurned by gamers and quickly discontinued by Nintendo. Oops. Maybe that's why the GameCube is decidedly lacking on the online-services front. Well, we live and learn. Lets just hope Nintendo doesn't hold a grudge, and adds some of these features to the Revolution. Why does that seem unlikely though?



The 64DD added Jordan-esque dimensions to your N64. Bags of fun to fool around with.



NEWS FLASH



Scaler must save the world from an army of lizards, un chein, andalusia, wanna grow up to be, be a descaler, descaler. Ha ha ha ho. Pixies, innit?



GOOD, BAD AND THE UGLY

MARIO PARTY 6

More of the industry's goodie-two-shoes and bad boys.

Nintendo has confirmed what the *Mario Party 6* controller is... a microphone. The game will feature voice-activated mini games and a game-show mode.

GOOD: Nintendo

THE COMPANY RECENTLY saw its shares rise by 3.8 per cent after it was rumoured that Bill Gates was planning a takeover of the company. He wasn't. According to Microsoft, Gates' comments to German magazine, *WirtschaftsWoche*, were misrepresented due to a translation error. Nintendo issued a statement confirming there were no talks of a takeover.

BAD: GameCube

POOR OLD GAMECUBE. It's been a tough few months for the console, although things

were starting to look up when the price was dropped and sales increased. But now trouble is looming for, as Sony and Microsoft have dramatically slashed the price of their machines in the run up to Christmas. The PS2 is now £104.99 and the Xbox is an attractive £99.99.

UGLY: Nintendo

NINTY IS AT the sharp end of a new bill being passed by the Japanese government. The government's bill would enforce charges every time a wireless LAN device is used. This could cause serious problems for Nintendo and Sony whose portable devices use LAN technology.



Bill Gates buying Nintendo, again? When will the rumours end?

(OVER THE) COUNTER CULTURE...

If there's one thing a kid doesn't want for his/her birthday it's a Pikachu oven glove. Us older Pokémon fans, however, are a totally different matter. Honestly, who wouldn't want a Teflon coated Pikachu adorning their kitchen counters? Just us? Oh. Never mind, just get one. You'll be the envy of all your mates. You will, honest. For your Pikachu oven mitt visit www.pokemoncenter-online.com

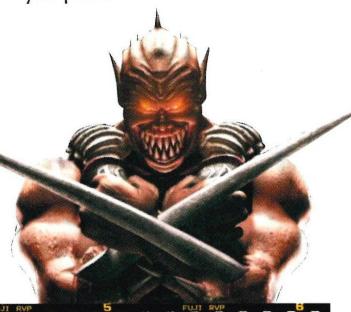


MIDWAY'S DECEPTION

Mortal Kombat: Deception coming to the GameCube

Midway has revealed its plans to release *Mortal Kombat: Deception* on the GameCube. The snag? It's only going to be available in the US. According to the rumours, Midway intends to test-the-water by seeing how well the game does over in America, before launching it in Europe. The last *Mortal Kombat* title on the GameCube, *Deadly Alliance*, didn't do as well as expected in Europe which explains why Midway is taking

precautions, if these rumours are to be believed. **CUBE** will keep you posted!



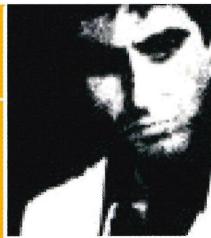
SCARFACE

Classic movie gets game

VIVENDI UNIVERSAL GAMES has bagged the licence to *Scarface*, the 1983 mobster movie starring Al Pacino as the ruthless gangster Tony Montana.

The third person shooter game puts the player in the role of Tony as he attempts to rebuild his

empire, all the while avoiding his rivals and the DEA. The game takes place across a number of locations, such as Miami, the Florida Keys and the Bahamas, all recreated to match the time-period in which the film was set. *Scarface* is scheduled for an autumn 2005 release.



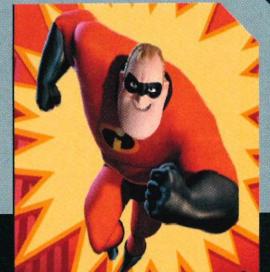
↑ "Say hello to my little friend... and goodbye to my legs." Director's Cut coming soon.



IN THE CUBE WITH...

LYLE HALL

POSITION: EXECUTIVE PRODUCER
GAME: *THE INCREDIBLES*



CUBE: In a nutshell, what is the game about?

LH: The game follows the major plot points of Disney/Pixar's film, which is about a family of superheroes that must come out of hiding, resume their super identities and ultimately save the world.

CUBE: How many characters from the movie will appear in the game?

LH: All of the key characters from the film are in the game... and more! We created almost 20 characters in partnership with Pixar to fulfil the needs of translating the film into a great game.

CUBE: How many of these characters are playable?

LH: There are five player characters in the game, each with unique and Incredible powers.

CUBE: Can you describe the characters special powers/moves?

LH: Their special powers are super strength, super stretch, super speed and super force.

CUBE: How do their unique powers/moves affect the style of gameplay? (ie is one character stealthy? Another puzzle orientated?)

LH: Mr I is a classic brawler, Mrs Incredible has more of a stealth approach, Dash plays like a high-speed racer and the rest you will have to play the game to see!

CUBE: Are the characters voiced by the actors from the movie? If so, which ones? Or will you be using sound a-likes?

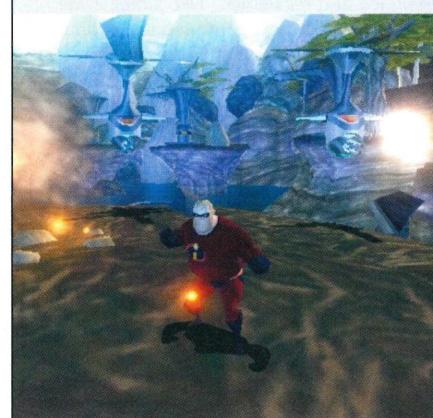
LH: We negotiated with the film's original cast to get the authentic voices in the game, and we got them all except for one. In particular, Samuel L Jackson was amazing to work with.

CUBE: How many levels are there in the game?

LH: Eighteen levels, including four unbelievable bosses!

CUBE: What types of environments are we going to be seeing?

LH: There is an amazing range of environments in the game. We take the player through a metropolitan cityscape, a burning building, busy suburbia, a dense jungle, a secret island base, and high tech facilities, all beautifully lit and detailed to match the distinct look of the film.



CUBE: What set-pieces from the film have made it into the game?

LH: We haven't used any assets directly from the film, but we have faithfully recreated all of the film's key locations for the game. The team worked very hard and did an impressive job getting the game to so closely resemble the film.

CUBE: How does the game differ from the film? For instance, have you amended any of the characters? Or changed the story in anyway, to make it more playable?

LH: The game offers players the interactive experience of the film and an extension of the world and characters seen in the movie. We worked hand in hand with Pixar to ensure the characters in the game are true to the film, and we have added some environments to the game that are alluded to but not fully explored in the film.

CUBE: Considering the massive success of Pixar's last film, *Finding Nemo*, has there been added pressure on the team whilst developing *The Incredibles* game?

LH: There is always tremendous pressure when you are working with people of such high calibre and with a specific deadline, but it gives us all the highest of expectations to achieve together. The film definitely gives us tremendous content to work with in developing a game.

CUBE: The movie is aimed at an older audience. Is the game also hoping to attract the older gamer? If so, how has this been reflected in the gameplay?

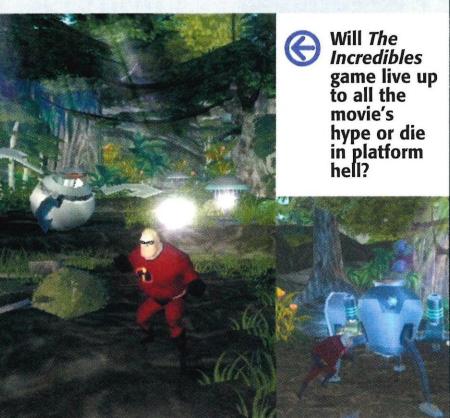
LH: Yes, we are. We started by executing on the amazing action, super characters and look and feel of the film, and then we added gameplay and level design that really takes advantage of each player character's unique abilities. This rich mix should give all players enough to challenge and entertain them.

CUBE: Will there be a multiplayer mode? If so, what challenges/minigames will be on offer?

LH: *The Incredibles* is a one-player game with five very different player characters. But we do have an awesome battle arena that can be unlocked if you make it far enough through the game.

CUBE: Will you be making use of the GBA to GameCube connectivity?

LH: There will be GBA to GameCube connectivity.



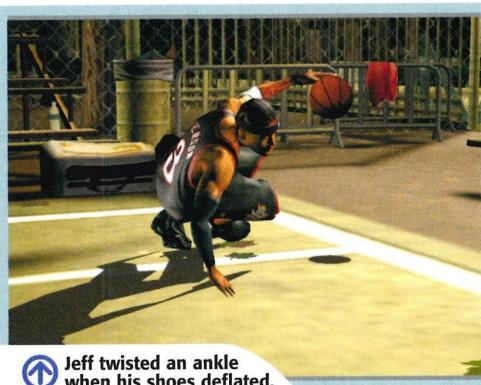
Will *The Incredibles* game live up to all the movie's hype or die in platform hell?

STREETS OF RAGE

NBA Street V3 comes to the GameCube

TO CONTINUE ITS global dominance of American sports titles, EA is releasing a new instalment of its multi-platinum selling *NBA Street* series, imaginatively titled *NBA Street V3*.

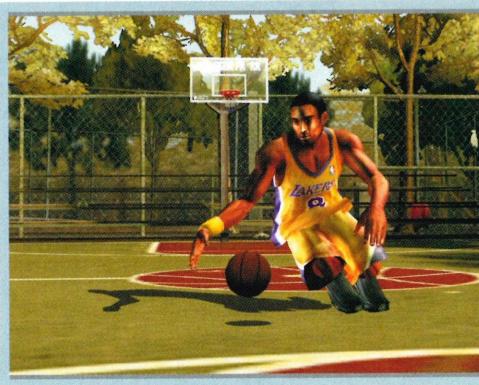
The game will push the boundaries of basketball games, with its range of game modes including the new Slam Dunk contest, special moves and customisable options. As well as being able to change the appearance of the *NBA Street* stars by adding



↑ Jeff twisted an ankle when his shoes deflated.

accessories and swapping their clothes, players will also be able to design their dream court from scratch. Not that *NBA Street V3* doesn't already have an impressive array of environments, such as The Cage, Rucker Park and Venice Beach.

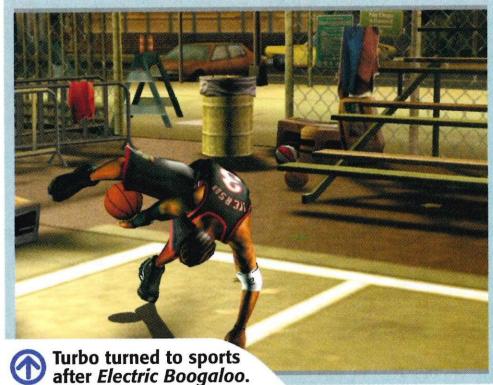
Senior producer for the project, Wil Mozell has this to say. "NBA Street V3 is a celebration of the culture and inventive style of street basketball," he continued, "we're excited to continue to push the possibilities of



customisation, self-expression, and creativity in the new school revolution of hoops." And there we were thinking it was just a basketball game. Shame on us.

So far there has been no talks of any GBA connectivity, but considering both PS2 and Xbox versions will have an online option, we can't see EA leaving us GC owners out.

NBA Street V3 will be out on all major platforms at the start of 2005.



↑ Turbo turned to sports after Electric Boogaloo.

Spider-man 2

2,000,000

Units shipped in one week



Waaaaaa Luigi!

Japanese gamers can get their mitts on Nintendo's new GC controller, inspired by Luigi. The lime-green fronted controller is emblazoned with an L logo, has a dark blue back and costs 500 points. It's pretty ugly, so it can happily stay in Japan as far as we're concerned. So there.

Not coming to Europe

NEWS FLASH

INTELLIVISION LIVES!

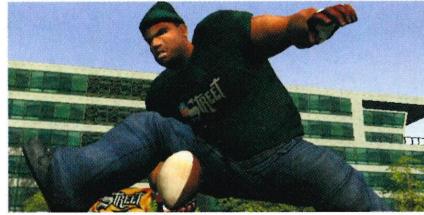
Intellivision Productions is releasing a compilation title featuring 60 of its classic games. Currently, it will only be available in the US.

WORD ON THE STREET

More football action from EA

HOT ON THE heels of *NBA Street V3*, EA has announced another Street sequel, with *NFL Street 2*. The original game sold over 1.5 million units, so it's little wonder EA is expanding the brand. The "completely redesigned and reinvented" *NFL Street 2* will feature a range of new game modes, although EA has yet to confirm what these are.

NFL Street 2 will be published under EA Sports BIG brand and will be released in early 2005.



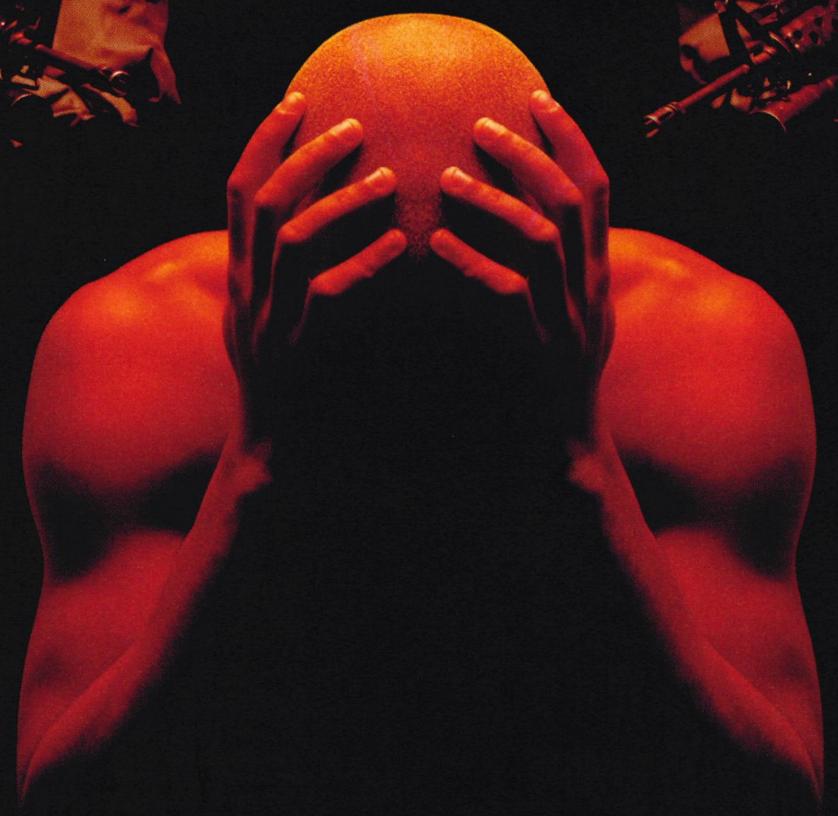
ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN

More web-slinging adventures from Activision

ACTIVISION ANNOUNCED a new *Spider-Man* game at its recent Activate event in Barcelona. Activision, having enjoyed huge success with *Spider-Man 2* which has topped the charts for several weeks running, will be releasing *The Ultimate Spider-Man* game, based on the popular Marvel comics.

Activision has also confirmed the release of *Spider-Man 3* in 2007, to coincide with the third instalment of Sam Raimi's blockbuster *Spider-Man* movies.





JOHN VATTIC

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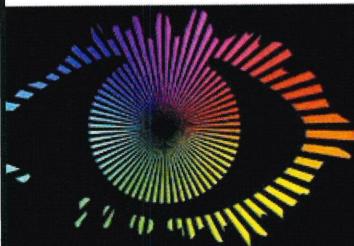
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VANISHING POINT

If you seek truth you may not find it, but sometimes it turns up where you least expect



Do games represent the salvation of the entertainment industry?

WE GOT GAME

VIDEOGAMES ARE forever getting a bad press. The popular tabloids are never slow to point the finger at this brain-rotting hobby when some unbalanced child goes off the deep end and does something really bad. The usual suspects are wheeled out time and again to explain the degeneration of society. Well here's one for you – videogames represent the most vibrant and creative force in popular culture. Take a look for a second at the music industry. In the post-*Pop Idol* world where are the true stars? Where are the bands emerging to push back the boundaries of musical expression? Dunno about you, but Vanishing Point wants his musical idols larger than life, edgy and perhaps a little bit dangerous. The kind of people who create a hush when they enter the room. Not some kids handpicked to tick all the boxes of today's chart fodder. Here today, gone tomorrow, wheel out the next batch, repeat ad nauseum. Pete Waterman and Simon Cowell sit smugly passing judgment on the talentless stream of celebrity-obsessed wannabes who are prepared to humiliate themselves in front of the nation for their 15 minutes of fame, yet they are responsible for the mindless surge that fills the charts and offers nothing to the advancement of an industry on an

apparently irreversible downward spiral into utter banality.

TV has gone the same way with television production companies falling over themselves to come up with the latest car-crash reality scenario, be it 'normal' people or grasping celebrities who will literally do anything to ensure they get their daily mention in the *The Sun*'s showbiz column. Is this what people really want, or are these shows popular simply because we're being given any alternative? When *Big Brother* started out it was meant to show real people dealing with situations, enabling the viewer to form a genuine opinion of the people they were watching. Now it's just a freak show, made even more obnoxious by the show's producer's attempting to artificially induce more and more outrageous behaviour from the contestants. Is Vanishing Point alone in wishing them all pain?

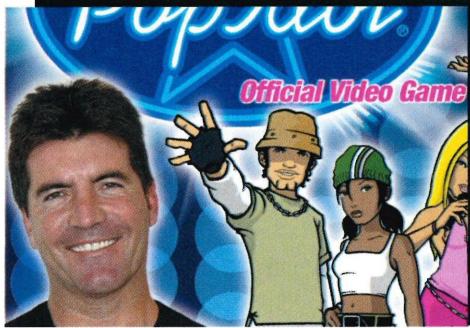
Now let's talk about movies. Must we? Well, for the purposes of the point of this column, yes. 'Gross out' comedies were all very well at first, but how much more grossed out can we become? It's like everything in life, the more you're exposed to something, the less of an impression it leaves on you. CGI has to a great degree killed the art of film-making since pretty much anything can be made to appear on screen with the minimum of effort. A case in point is George Lucas, creator of perhaps the greatest film of all time, and yet the new *Star Wars* movies lack any sort of interesting story and so saturated are they with unnecessary computer generated effects that any sense of a believable universe is lost. Somebody tell the guy that sometimes less is more. Now, don't even

get me started on *The Matrix*. The first film was vaguely diverting to watch the first time round. The silly story was simply the backdrop for some nice and innovative action sequences, but so bereft are we of truly noteworthy blockbusters that it's now made out to be some finely crafted alternative bible. The Wachowski brothers are so up themselves they must spend 23 hours a day looking for the lightswitch. Hopefully that won't leave them any time to foist *Matrix 4* upon us, praise the Lord.

Of course there's an awful lot of pap infesting the shelves of game stores, but there are also many titles for which we should be truly thankful. Games that make our lives a little bit better and offer new and stimulating experiences. This is perhaps because beneath the corporate gloss of the games industry beat the hearts of dedicated, creative people with dreams and visions. The people who get their hands dirty on the keyboards want to create games, they love games and they play games. They don't simply want to be famous because the currency of celebrity is forced down our throats every single day. They want to make something to be proud of. Are Girls Aloud proud of what they do, or is their goal simply to be famous and get in OK magazine every week?

There's no question that marketing and sales people have stifled creativity in the games industry, and also led to some great titles being sullied with unnecessary and inferior sequels. However, thankfully, the creators at the core of the business are people with the same ideals as you and I. The results aren't always stunning, but most of the time they're infinitely preferable to whatever's on the telly.

Not content with breaking the music biz, Cowell is getting into games as well. Nooooo!



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Hot or not?
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My name is Alice and I remember everything.



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TIGER WOODS

GRRRROOVY



Tiger's back on form in EA's PGA Tour update, that boasts a course designing system, new characters including legends like Jack Nicholas and an improved Gameface mode. If only the real Tiger Woods was on top of his game...

ANTICIPATION ★★★★

FUTURE TACTICS:
THE UPRISING

BLOODY COUP



This game has been in the works for yonks, but it's finally got a release. The RPG/strategy/ action game (JoWooD obviously couldn't decide) follows a band of heroes as they attempt to regain control of the Earth from pesky aliens.

ANTICIPATION ★★

SOUND
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"MARRIAGE MAKES YOU HORNY... WHEN YOU'RE EIGHT"

Gary, in the pub, discussing boardgames. That's it, the last Gary quote, unless he calls us.

UK RELEASE LIST

CUBE's at-a-glance guide to the most interesting blips on the gaming radar

NHL 2005	Sports	EA	24 September 2004	★★★★
Animal Crossing	Strategy	Nintendo	24 September 2004	★★★★
Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005	Sports	EA	24 September 2004	★★★★★
WWE Day Of Reckoning	Sports	THQ	17 September 2004	★★★★
Rabbit King	Sports	Atari	Sept 2004	★★★
Second Sight	Adventure/Action	Codemasters	Sept 2004	★★★★
Pikmin 2	Puzzle	Nintendo	8 October 2004	★★★★
Def Jam: Fight For New York	Beat-'Em-Up	EA	8 October 2004	★★★★
Donkey Konga	Puzzle	Nintendo	15 October 2004	★★★★★
Future Tactics: The Uprising	RPG	JoWooD	22 October 2004	★★★
Ty The Tasmanian Tiger 2	Platform	EA	Oct 2004	★★★
X-Men: Legends	Action	Activision	Oct 2004	★★★★
Scaler	Platform	Take-Two	Oct 2004	★★★
Digimon Rumble Arena	Beat-'em-up	Atari	Oct 2004	★★★
Starsky And Hutch 2	Driving	Empire	Oct 2004	★★★
NBA Live 2005	Sports	EA	Oct 2004	★★★
Tony Hawk's Underground 2	Sports	Activision	October 2004	★★★★★
The Lord Of The Rings: The Third Age	RPG	EA	Autumn 2004	★★★★
FIFA Football 2005	Sports	EA	Autumn 2004	★★★★
Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon 2	Action	Ubisoft	Autumn 2004	★★★
Bad Boys: Miami Takedown	Action	Empire	Autumn 2004	★★
Paper Mario 2	RPG	Nintendo	12 November 2004	★★★★
Megaman X: Command Mission	RPG	Capcom	19 November 2004	★★★★
Neighbours From Hell	Strategy	JoWooD	26 November 2004	★★★
Metroid Prime 2	Shooter	Nintendo	26 November 2004	★★★★★
The Urbz	Strategy	EA	November 2004	★★★
GoldenEye: Rogue Agent	Shooter	EA	November 2004	★★★★
King Arthur	Adventure	Konami	November 2004	★★★
The Polar Express	Platform	THQ	November 2004	★★★
Tak 2 The Staff Of Dreams	Platform	THQ	Winter 2004	★★★★
Call Of Duty	FPS	Activision	Winter 2004	★★★
Tales Of Symphonia	RPG	Nintendo	Winter 2004	★★★★
Prince Of Persia 2	Adventure	Ubisoft	Winter 2004	★★★★★
Timesplitters: Future Perfect	FPS	EA	TBC 2005	★★★★★
Star Fox	Action	Nintendo	TBC 2005	★★★★
Donkey Kong Jungle Beat	Platform	Nintendo	TBC 2005	★★★★
Odama	Strategy	Nintendo	TBC 2005	★★★
Geist	Action/Adventure	Nintendo	TBC 2005	★★★★
Resident Evil 4	Action	Capcom	TBC 2005	★★★★★

THUG 2

SCALLYWAGS



After the success of *THUG* it was only a matter of time before a sequel was released. This time round players need to work their way through the 'hilarious' story mode, which takes them on a road-trip round the world. With even more options and more moves, this is one for any Sk8er Boi.

ANTICIPATION ★★★★★

BAD BOYS

FOR LIFE AND DEATH



Bad Boys II went down like a lead balloon, but that hasn't put Empire off releasing a new BB title. Yet another new drug has hit the Miami streets and it's up to TNT cops Mike Lowrey and Marcus Burnett to bring down the ringleader, in this fast-paced shooter.

ANTICIPATION ★★

SLIP-O-METER

The games that dodged their release dates and those that got away

STAR FOX

Okay you knew it wasn't coming out 'til early 2005, but now you'll have to wait even longer. It's slipped until March 2005 in the US so don't expect it 'til the summer... at least.



SLIPPED!

PAPER MARIO 2

This was originally pencilled in for release 11 October but that's been rubbed out (probably by using the other end of the pencil) and someone's written 12 November on the page instead.



SLIPPED!

TALES OF SYMPHONIA

It's only slipped by a week, but what will be added in that extra week? Another dull conversation between Lloyd and Colette? Hopefully not.



SLIPPED!

IMPORTANT DATES...

Well look at that. Japan doesn't have the best games this month, unlike the US which has a great blend of sports, RPG and platform goodness to keep gamers inside where they belong. Ha!

JAP RELEASE DATES

ZOIDS VERSUS III	TOMY	SEPT '04
FIRE EMBLEM: SEIMA NO KOUSEKI	NINTENDO	7 SEPT '04
MARIO TENNIS	NINTENDO	23 OCT '04

US RELEASE DATES

THUG 2	ACTIVISION	5 OCT '04
PAPER MARIO: THE THOUSAND YEAR DOOR	NINTENDO	11 OCT '04
THE INCREDIBLES	THQ	25 OCT '04

GAMECUBE CHARTS

WHAT'S TOP OF YOUR LIST?

Activision's friendly neighbourhood *Spider-Man* has clung to the top spot, beating off Sam Fisher, who has entered the charts at a disappointing sixth place, but then what did they expect with this cut down version of the Xbox classic?

Other than that it's the usual suspects, with *The Simpsons* and *Mario Kart* still shifting oodles of units. And it looks like Amy Henchcliffe has been rallying support for *Sonic Heroes* as it's charged back into the charts. Damn it.

UK CHART

ChartTrack

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1		SPIDERMAN 2	PUBLISHER ACTIVISION	CUBE RATING 8.8	Does everything Gary can... no, really.
2		MARIO GOLF: TT	PUBLISHER NINTENDO	CUBE RATING 8.0	Roll up! For the magical mushroom tour...
3		POKEMON COLLOSEUM	PUBLISHER NINTENDO	CUBE RATING 8.6	Lickitungue? Cunninil-gator-anoid-a-saurus.
4		SONIC HEROES	PUBLISHER SEGA	CUBE RATING 7.0	Amy H, you've got a lot to answer for. Damn you!
5		SHREK 2	PUBLISHER ACTIVISION	CUBE RATING 7.8	Och look at ma wife – she's all green an' lumpy.
6		SPLINTER CELL: PT	PUBLISHER UBISOFT	CUBE RATING 8.5	Adrian sulked when Pandora removed Sam's splinter.
7		THE SIMPSONS: H&R	PUBLISHER VIVENDI UNIVERSAL	CUBE RATING 7.4	Then Bart said "Eat my shorts!" nearly died laughing.
8		MARIO KART DD!!	PUBLISHER NINTENDO	CUBE RATING 9.4	Are the blue shells unavoidable? Nope.
9		HARVEST MOON: IWAL	PUBLISHER UBISOFT	CUBE RATING 9.0	Get off moi wife... er land. And gimme a hoe.
10		HARRY POTTER: POA	PUBLISHER EA GAMES	CUBE RATING 6.8	We used to bully kids like Potter at school.



ON A SHOE-STRING

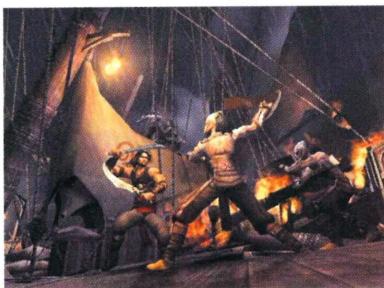
Budget GameCube games still making the rounds

1. SONIC ADVENTURE 2 BATTLE
2. SUPER MARIO SUNSHINE
3. NEED FOR SPEED: UNDERGROUND
4. STAR WARS ROGUE SQUADRON III: RS
5. MERCEDES-BENZ WORLD RACING
6. SUPER SMASH BROS MELEE
7. SUPER MONKEY BALL
8. FIFA 2004
9. SCOOBY DOO: NIGHT OF 100 FRIGHTS
10. LOTR: RETURN OF THE KING



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THE GAMES WE'VE BEEN TAKING HOME AT THE END OF THE DAY



PRINCE OF PERSIA 2

Well, POP goes our weasel, the prince is back and lucky ol' Chandra's been getting his mucky paws all over him. Ahem. This is starting to sound dodgy, so lets just say the game looks awesome and we can't wait to play the final code, if we can pry Chandra's fingers away from it of course...



ANIMAL CROSSING

It's about flaming time this game came to PAL territories. So has it been worth the wait? Lets put it this way: Gary spent an entire weekend on the internet trading fruit and refused to go out to the pub until he'd talked to one of the characters. Loser. But the game is cool.



DONKEY KONGA

Ouchie! Our hands are red raw from playing this, but at least we now know what the blazes is going on! The selection of music won't be to everyone's tastes but this will be a guaranteed party favourite, so get out your rhythm sticks... er, palms and get bongo-ing.

WORLD OF NINT

A glance at the globe through a Cube-shaped lens...

The non-secret of the DS (us)



American fan boys are a funny lot. Renowned experts at cutting off their noses to spite their faces, they'll complain about just about anything and see conspiracy in absolutely everything else. Take for example the saga of the "secret" Nintendo DS socket.

To be fair Nintendo started it themselves when a Japanese spokesman commented on a mysterious square socket on the back of the DS: "There's a little secret to this [hole], it looks as though you can plug something in there, but the stylus pen is going to be connected to the back so... we'll reveal more in the future." Which, as you can imagine sent the fan boys into a game of bizarre conspiracy theory top trumps with the hole being accused of being everything from an ethernet socket to an interface for virtual goggles.

Unfortunately what it turned out to be was a headphone/microphone socket. Erm...

Car tuning the GBA way (us)



The good old GBA's been used for a lot of things in its life from fishing sensor to MP3 player but car performance tool is a new one on us. The un-snappily named TurboXS DTEC plugs into your GBA like a normal cart and lets you use it as a boost gauge, exhaust gas temperature gauge, air temperature gauge and tachometer.

Apparently future plug 'n' play sensors will also allow everything from knock indication (don't ask us, we're just telling you what it says in the press release) to vehicle



acceleration. We can't begin to imagine how this idea came about, but good on it we say - it's probably more fun than another lame Disney platformer. For more info check out: www.turboxs.com/Dtec/dtec.shtml

Pokémon pre-orders a-go-go! (us)



As soon as a new *Pokémon* game is announced everyone suddenly starts proclaiming the franchise dead and the attention of the world's youth well and truly averted. Then they go and sell a million copies in a week in Japan and all of a sudden the naysayers go quiet. Well, exactly the same thing has already happened with *Pokémon FireRed* and

LeafGreen in Japan and now the games have gone and clocked up 150,000 pre-orders in America in just 15 days. That's over a month before the game even came out, never mind the fact that it's hardly a title likely to be under-stocked, thereby necessitating a pre-order in the first place. Still, maybe the pokéhaters will be lucky and the next one will flop.

Classic GoldenEye for DS? (uk)



To be honest it's rather difficult to tell exactly where in the world EA makes its big corporate decisions. We secretly suspect it's in some sort of giant orbital space station à la *Moonraker*, but either way the rumour currently doing the rounds, and being reported as cast iron fact by many, is that the *GoldenEye* game currently listed for release on the DS is not in fact anything to do with the somewhat dodgy looking *Rogue Agent*, but in fact a conversion of Rare's classic *GoldenEye 007* for the N64. According to the grapevine it will feature

between eight and sixteen players supported over a wireless LAN and possibly also Wi-Fi. Now, as amazing as that would be (although we're slightly suspicious of how it would work without an analogue controller) it all seems terribly unlikely considering that the game was originally produced when Nintendo owned not only the Bond licence but also Rare itself. Of course it's entirely likely that Nintendo would try to overcome these obstacles, but until a giant flying pig delivers us the review code we're not sure we believe any of it.

Mega New Controllers (us)



Much as we admire almost all of Capcom's output it's always been a bit of a puzzle how *Mega Man* ever made it to a second sequel, let alone the three hundred and thirty-first he's currently on. The

Japanese and Americans love him though and to celebrate the forthcoming RPG-esque *Mega Man X: Command Mission*, odd-sounding peripheral maker Nubytech are going to create a brand new GameCube controller to use with the game. We don't know exactly what it'll look like yet (although the silhouette



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Wave four for Famicom Mini (Japan)

The Famicom Mini/Classic NES series was supposed to be a quick celebration of the NES's 20th birthday with only one wave of games and little in the way of sales expected. Six months later and it's one of Japan's most popular franchises of the year and despite Nintendo proclaiming that each wave will be the last it now looks like a fourth batch will soon be on the way. According to a Japanese newspaper report Nintendo are scouring the back catalogues for new titles to re-release, with *Super Mario Bros 3*, *Donkey Kong Jr.*, *Mother*, *Devil World*, *Wario Woods* and *Mach Rider* apparently on the shortlist. Since the series has been least successful in the UK it's uncertain whether we'll see them however.



Worst Game Unveiling Ever (Japan)

We're all for cutting down on the hype and hyperbole that sets up so many newly announced games for a fall, but we can't help but think that second party developer Brownie Brown could've made a bit more of an effort with the unveiling of its first GameCube game. Instead of some multimedia style press event at a posh hotel they've scribbled out the following "screenshot" in Microsoft Paint and expected everyone to get excited about it.

To be honest we are excited about it anyway, since Brownie Brown is staffed by a bunch of ex-SquareSoft boids - those primarily responsible for SNES classic *Secret Of Mana*. Although its only game so far is the Japanese-only Game Boy RPG *Magical Vacation*. Whatever the heck this new game is going to turn out to be we couldn't say, but we can confirm it includes at least three characters on screen at once, as well as featuring both trees and a cave.

New PictoChat features ahoy! (Japan)

The Japanese patent office has yet again been the portal for further Nintendo revelations, with a series of new patents for the DS making the device's online functions seem even more arousing. The patents in question are for "wireless voice mail services", "wireless electronic transmission of voice signals", "online videogame news and hints", "data transfer", "demo downloads" and "message boards".

If the DS is going to do any of this stuff it would seem reasonable to assume it'll be via PictoChat, which otherwise would just be a glorified chat room. But either way, downloadable demos and data transfer sounds particularly intriguing and if the DS links up to the GameCube it could mean Xbox Live style downloadable content this generation... sweet.



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GAMECUBE CHARTS

CHART-TOPPERS THE WORLD OVER

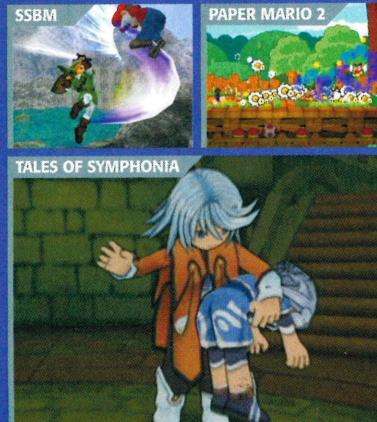
Paper Mario 2 seems to have done the business and no mistake in Japan, with copies flying off the shelves along with a healthy number of new GameCubes. The second highest new entry though is the amusingly rude sounding *Golden Gashbell!! Friendship Tag Battle – Full Power*, which rather disappointingly turns out to be an anime-based driving game – and a PS2 port at that. Over in Yankee Doodle land there's rather less of interest going on, although it's nice to see *Tales Of Symphonia* keeping *Madden* from the top spot. And *SSBM* is still there to... well it always is.

JAPANESE CHART

POS	LAST	TITLE	PUBLISHER
1	NE	PAPER MARIO 2	NINTENDO
2	2	LOZ: THE WIND WAKER	NINTENDO
3	1	PIKMIN 2	NINTENDO
4	NE	GOLDEN GASHBELL!!	BANDAI
5	6	HM: AWL FOR GIRLS	MARVELOUS
6	3	DK 2: HIT SONG PARADE	NINTENDO
7	RE	TALES OF SYMPHONIA	NAMCO
8	5	DONKEY KONGA 1+2	NINTENDO
9	RE	NARUTO 2	TOMY
10	NE	CHIBI ROBO!	BANDAI

US CHART

POS	LAST	TITLE	PUBLISHER
1	1	TALES OF SYMPHONIA	NAMCO
2	NE	MADDEN NFL 2005	EA
3	3	SUPER SMASH BROS MELEE	NINTENDO
4	5	ANIMAL CROSSING	NINTENDO
5	2	SPIDER-MAN 2	ACTIVISION
6	9	MARIO KART: DOUBLE DASH	NINTENDO
7	8	POP: THE SANDS OF TIME	UBISOFT
8	10	SUPER MARIO SUNSHINE	NINTENDO
9	6	POKÉMON COLOSSEUM	NINTENDO
10	9	SKIES OF ARCADIA: LEGENDS	SEGA

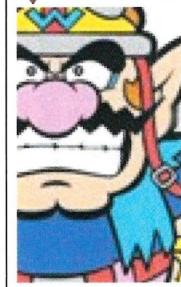


BOYS R US

Budget games and Mario's balls, portable gaming doesn't get much better, well until the DS comes out. Look at that list of games! It's very long!



NEWS FLASH



WAVY WARIO

Nintendo has announced a sequel to *Wario Ware Inc.*, titled *Spinning Wario Ware Inc.*. It will use motion sensors instead of the D-pad. Cool.

SUPER MARIO BALL

Where did all the monkeys go?

SINCE IT WAS announced very little has been revealed about Nintendo's pinball title. Until now. *Super Mario Ball* is an ingenious blend of pinball action with adventure gameplay. Players take control of Mario, who has been turned into a ball, as he ploughs through the Mushroom Kingdom crushing enemies in a bid to rescue Princess Peach, who has been



kidnapped by Bowser and taken to another dimension. Players get to choose their own path through the various environments that range from a fairground to the countryside, where they'll meet a huge array of enemies as well as the chance to battle bosses and collect coins and power-ups. *SMP* is out on the 26 November.

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LESS IS MORE

MAJESCO IS GIVING GBA owners even more for their money with three new budget titles, *Texas Hold 'Em Poker*, *Monster Trucks* and *F-18 Super Hornet*. "Our latest offerings target the mass market with a variety of new game play options, all at a cost-friendly price point," commented Jesse Sutton, chief executive officer, Majesco.

In *Texas Hold 'Em Poker*, players can compete in the single player mode, or in face up to ten computer controlled opponents/four human opponents in multiplayer mode. Alternatively, *Monster Trucks* takes the player out of the casinos and into the scrap yards, where they have to build a monster truck from scratch and then enter it into a number of competitions to become the ultimate trucker. Finally, *F-18 Super Hornet* takes to the skies, as players embark on 19 land and sea missions over Iraqi cities. Each game will cost roughly £10 and should be available in Europe by the end of the year.

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Pretty in...

In a fairly uninspired bid to get more girls buying GBAs, Nintendo has released this delightful edition of the GBA SP, which sports a pearl pink casing and is packaged in a garish pink box. We're sensing a theme here. Has anyone ever thought to mention to Nintendo that not all girls like pink (They don't? - Ed)? No? Pity.



...pink

Wario Ware...

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FOOTBALL CRAZY

Premier Manager sequel announced

EVER LOOKED AT Ferguson, Mourinho or Benitez and thought "I could do better than that"? Well, now's your chance to put your money where your mouth is with Zoo Digitals' *Premier Manager 2004-2005*. The game remains fundamentally the same as before – select one of the teams on offer, then try and raise the profile of the club by

winning matches, earning sponsorships and selling merchandise while trying to keep your team under control and the chairman happy. However, *PM 2004-2005* has undergone a bit of tweaking, and now has an improved interface with easier to access menus, more up-to-date information and stats and additional financial options.

TACTICS	
NAME	POS.
S Taylor	GK
Lauren	RB
S Campbell	CB
R Toure	CB
R Cole	LWB
F Luhabers	RAM
P Vieira	CM
Edu	CDM
R Pires	LAM
J Henry	CS
J Reses	AT
R Parlour	RHM
P Cesar	CB
R Gilberto	CM

TACTICS 4-4-2



The old 4-4-2 formation is great for defending and midfielding... probably.

DS UPDATE!

GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!

GAMES DEVELOPERS THE world over have been busy as bees getting a wide selection of DS games underway. Whilst Nintendo stated at E3 that it had 100 development studios interested, we had little idea that this many games would be confirmed. Interest from game publishers has been strong, with the likes of EA, Ubisoft, THQ, Atari, Namco and Konami already on board. Here's a taste of what to look forward to:

Atari Classics
Caduceus
Snowboard Kids DS
Meteos
Mobile Suit Gundam Seed
Mega Man Battle Network
Viewtiful Joe
GoldenEye
Madden NFL
Need For Speed Underground
Tiger Woods PGA Tour Golf
The URBZ: Sims In The City
Bomberman
Dynasty Warriors
Boktai
Castlevania
Dragon Booster
Frogger 2005
Survival Kids
World Soccer Winning Eleven series
Vandal Hearts
WINX
Yu-Gi-Oh! Nightmare Troubadour
Moonlight Fables
Nanostray
New Mr Driller
Pac 'n' Roll
Pac-Pix
Project Rub
Sonic DS

A new story of Secret Of Mana
A new story of Slime Morimori Dragon Quest
Dragon Quest Monsters series
Egg Monster Heroes
Final Fantasy Crystal Chronicles
Air Assault 2
Organizer Plus
Monster Rancher
Ultimate Brain Games
Ultimate Card Games
Ultimate Pocket Games
SpongeBob SquarePants
Asphalt GT
Rayman
Robots

Available in Japan:
MIKKE!
Brain Twisting Game Vol 1
The Game Of Life DS
Shin Megami Tensei DS
CHORO-Q DS
One Piece
Dragonball z
Gyakuten Saiban (Objection Court) series
FUSHIGI NO Dungeon
Detective Kibukawa
Living High Killing Low
Winding Road Racer
Tengairimakyō series
Spectral Force
Historical Simulation Game
Mah-jong
Jikkyo Powerful Proyaku series
Ganbare Goemon
Uruseiyatsura
Harvest Moon for DS
Legend Of River King series
Minna no Mahjong
Race Game
Dobutsujima no Chobigurumi 3
Jissen Pachislot Hisshoho! Hokuto No Ken
Rakigaki Ohkoku series
Puzzle Bobble series
Naruto
Zoids

COMING UP

WHAT YOU'LL BE PLAYING IN THE MONTHS TO COME

NAME	PUBLISHER	DEVELOPER	RELEASE
POKEMON FIRERED/LEAFGREEN	NINTENDO	GAME FREAK	1 OCT 2004
TITEUF: THE TCHO ATTITUDE	ATARI	ATARI	1 OCT 2004
LEGO KNIGHT'S KINGDOM	THQ	THQ	15 OCT 2004
KILL SWITCH	ZOO DIGITAL	ZOO DIGITAL	15 OCT 2004
MS PAC-MAN MAZE MADNESS	ZOO DIGITAL	ZOO DIGITAL	29 OCT 2004
BANJO KAZOOIE: PILOT	THQ	RARE	OCT 2004
DUEL MASTERS: SEMPAI LEGENDS	ATARI	ATARI	OCT 2004
METAL SLUG ADVANCE	IGNITION	SNK	OCT 2004
SHARK TALE	ACTIVISION	ACTIVISION	OCT 2004
ZELDA: MAGICAL HOOD	NINTENDO	CAPCOM	12 NOV 2004
MARIO VS DONKEY KONG	NINTENDO	NINTENDO	19 NOV 2004
SUPER MARIO BALL	NINTENDO	FUSE GAMES	26 NOV 2004
LOTR: THIRD AGE	EA	AMAZE	NOV 2004
WWE SURVIVOR SERIES	THQ	THQ	NOV 2004

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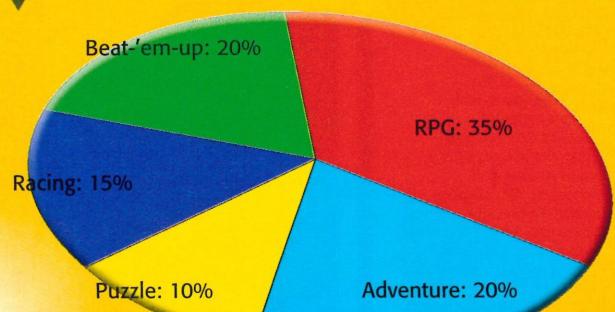
WHAT YOU'RE ALL BUYING...

POS	LAST WEEK	TITLE
1	-	SONIC ADVANCE 3
2	-	SHREK 2
3	S	SUPER MARIO BROS
4	-	SPIDER-MAN 2
5	▲	PACMAN
6	NEW	YU-GI-OH! RESHEF OF DESTRUCTION
7	▲	RAYMAN 3
8	▼	POKEMON RUBY
9	▼	CRASH BANDICOOT: FUSION
10	▼	POKEMON SAPPHIRE



OVER TO YOU

WE ASKED WHAT GENRE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE OF IN THE GBA'S BUDGET RANGE



KING OF THE SWINGERS

2004 MUST BE the Year of the Monkey, as we've been treated to a bundle of Donkey Kong goodness, the latest being *DK: King Of Swing*. The game's main gimmick is the ability to control Donkey Kong's right and left hands separately, using **L** and **R**, so you can swing through the jungle with the greatest of ease. The game can be played with up to four people using the GBA link cable and it's due out in 2005.



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ROUND-UP

THICKER THAN WATER...

The busty bloodsucker BloodRayne is featuring in her very own Hollywood movie. The film already boasts an impressive cast such as "Terminatrix" Kristanna Loken as BloodRayne, *Girlfight's* Michelle Rodriguez and Ben Kingsley (AKA Ghandi) as Kagan, the King of the Vampires. We wonder if Loken's jubbies will be as wobbly as the original BloodRayne's? We sincerely hope not. Except Gary. He likes them. Very good for snuggles, he says.

SUPERSTAR DJ

EA has signed up DJ Paul Oakenfold to score the new Bond game, *GoldenEye: Rogue Agent*. As the music supervisor, Oakenfold will be responsible for writing an original score for the game which will reflect the "hard-driving" feel of the title. This isn't Oakenfold's first foray into music composition – he has already worked on a range of Hollywood movies such as *Get Carter* (2000), *Swordfish*, *Planet Of The Apes* (2002), *The Bourne Identity* and *The Matrix: Reloaded*.

THE HERITAGE CLUB

Gusto Games is never one to do anything by halves and in a bid to create the most realistic golfing game ever the company has become a patron sponsor of The Heritage At Woburn. According to Gusto Games the game will feature a range of unrivalled 18-hole golf course challenges, plus a unique on-line golf community. Oh, surprise, surprise, GameCube owners will be left out in the rough. And we don't want online, eh, Iwata-san? Grrrr.

CHEAP AS CHIPS

Player's Choice gets four new titles



NINTENDO'S POPULAR PLAYER'S Choice is getting four brand-spanking, erm, old titles, which will be released on 22 October. The new titles include the legendary *Legend Of Zelda: Wind Waker*, *Soul Calibur II*, *F-Zero GX* and *Mario Party 5*. Each game shall retail at an estimated £19.99.

Nintendo has seen a lot of success with its Player's Choice range, which has seen the sales of games like *Super Smash Bros Melee*, *Super Mario Sunshine* and *Metroid Prime* leap considerably. Other titles currently available under the Player's Choice banner are *Luigi's Mansion*, *Starfox Adventures*, *James Bond 007 Nightfire* and *Medal Of Honor: Frontline*.

MOVING ON UP, MOVING ON OUT

Studios bulk up for the DS and beyond

ACCORDING TO REPORTS by Seattle based company Bizjournals, US development studios are hiring more staff in preparation for the arrival of the Nintendo DS in November and the new wave of next-gen consoles in 2006. Surreal Software Inc (*The Suffering*, *LOTR: The Fellowship Of The Ring*, *Drakan: The Ancient Gates*) is expecting to expand its workforce from 52 to 70 employees by December, whilst Zombie Studios – another Seattle-based games developer – will almost double its workforce from 24 to 40 employees in the same period. Other studios, such as Snowblind (*Baldur's Gate*) also hope to increase the number of staff within the next few months.

However, it might be in Surreal Software's best interests to take a moment and reflect on its decision to hire more staff, since the company had to cut its workforce recently when its other *Lord Of The Rings* title, *The Treason Of Isengard*, failed to get published.

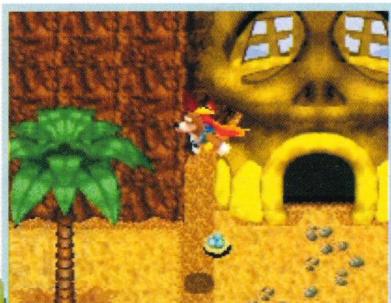
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RARE TURNOUT FOR MICROSOFT

Nintendo gets the last laugh

AFTER DEVELOPMENT STUDIO Rare jumped ship and into the beckoning arms of Microsoft, we all thought it was the beginning of the end for Ninty. How wrong we were.

Since its time under Microsoft's reign only one Rare game has been released, *Grabbed By The Ghoulies*, which completely bombed. However, in an ironic twist of fate, Nintendo has seen the majority of Rare's spoils over the last few years with *Banjo-Kazooie: Grunt's Revenge*, *Sabre Wulf*, *Banjo Pilot* and *It's Mr Pants* all developed for the GBA. More titles, including *Gnomeman* for the GBA and a Perfect Dark port for the Nintendo DS are also in the works. Microsoft, however, is still hanging on for a big release but it doesn't look like *Conker: Live & Reloaded* or *Kameo: Elements Of Power* will fit the bill. You can take Rare out of Nintendo but you can't take Nintendo out of Rare!



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FINAL THOUGHT... ADULTS ONLY

IT'S NOT OFTEN that we concur with American politics, but on the point of educating parents about the videogame rating system, we happen to be in agreement. Over the last few years, US and UK politicians have blamed videogames for increased violence in children and young adults, even going so far as to name and blame individual titles such as *Manhunt*, *GTA* and *The Getaway*.

However, what these critics fail to mention is why so many parents are buying these games for their children when they are clearly rated as Mature, Adult or 18. Ignorance is partly to blame, so it's good to see the US government taking an active role in educating parents in this matter, thus preventing them from purchasing games that are not suitable for their children. Maybe then, and only then, can society stop pointing the Finger Of Blame at the games industry every time a child commits a crime and start tackling the real reasons why such tragic events occur.

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Latest Applications

In the light of the E3 extravaganza, we've got lots of new software to tell you about, but to be honest, the E3 show was a bit of a bust. So here's what's been added to the E3 bust...

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Favourite game: Mario Kart Double Dash!

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lovely

I'd get in the ring with her any day

Post Extras:

Re: My Idea for Mario 128/Brevolution #485416 - 02/09/04 05:37 PM

Citruspunge stronger

Replied: 30/07/04

Posts: 10

I kind of like the idea of lots of weak characters co-operating do alone. But it doesn't seem Mario-like at all. Maybe Pilum...

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alastor Speed poster #25

I personally think it is a great idea.

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WE NEVER THOUGHT the day would come when we'd stand here and say it, but we just can't handle it any more. We admit it: we've had our fill of monkeys for this month. No more, please! It has got to the stage now where we can't even look at a kiwi without mistaking it for a Kong. Chandra even went down to his local pub's acoustic night with a pair of bongos and tried plugging them into the PA system. Tim, Gary and Liz (as you may well have seen on the DVD) figured it would be a good idea to walk the streets of Bournemouth in an attempt to convert the tourists. This nonsense really has to stop.

All of which means that we need to clear the office of some of the rhythm-meister's merchandise, and that's where you come in. Obviously we're not going to give away too much... that would just be silly. We need some of it to tide us over when the inevitable Kong drought kicks in towards the end of next year (plus we'll be able to sell it on eBay for a ton), but we're willing to give away one of those special *Konga* bundles and a few copies of the game if you're up for it.

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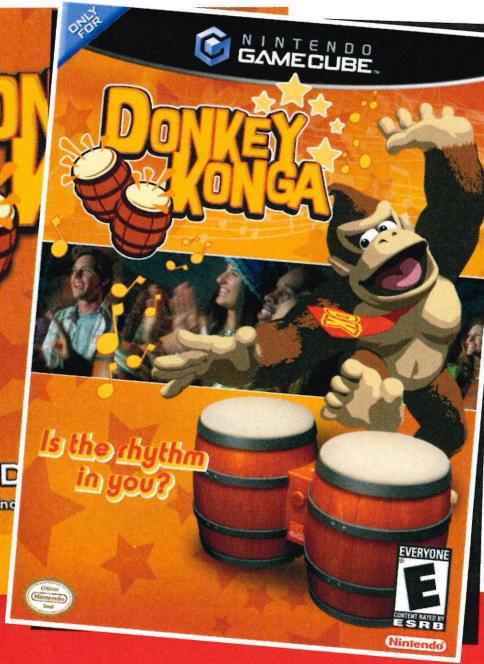
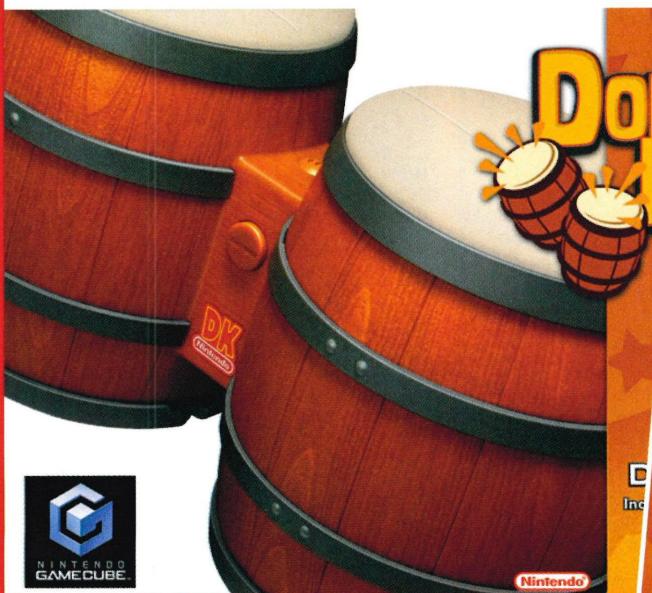
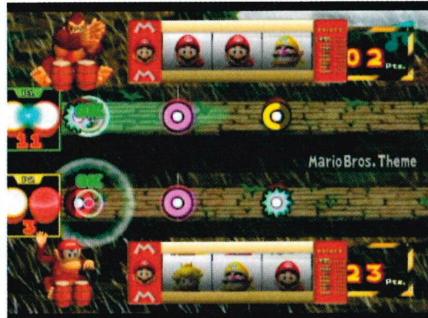
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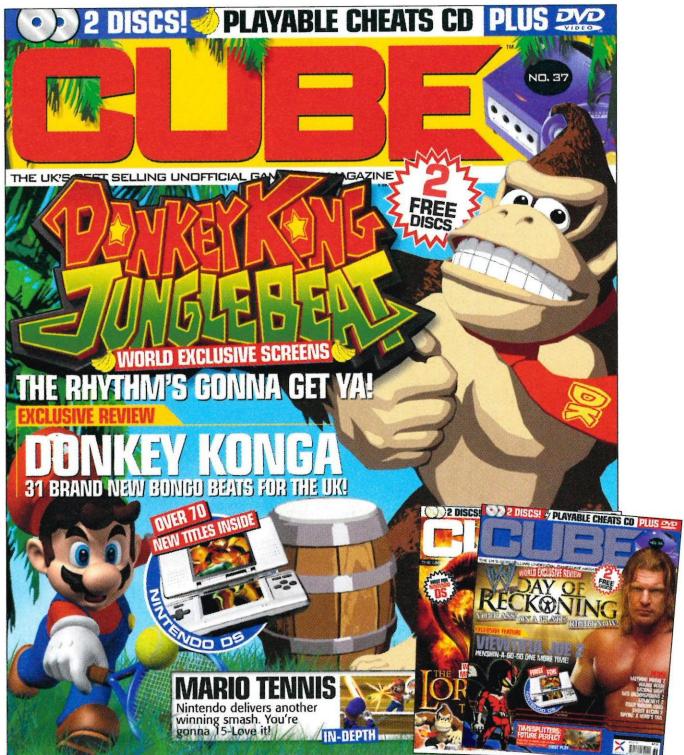
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Donkey Kong through the ages, spread over the next four pages... take that DK Rap

HE MAY BE seen as little more than a giant ape with a fetish for kidnapping women, but Donkey Kong's popularity has spanned 23 years and shows no sign of diminishing.

Ever since he made his first commercial appearance in the titular *Donkey Kong*, everyone's favourite ape has proven to be as diverse as he is hairy and has turned his hand to all manner of genres. From his early, single-screen arcade and NES antics, to his recent collaboration with Namco and those superb bongo drums, our man Kong is game for anything and can seemingly do no wrong.

If you don't fancy taking a fat plumber for a spin in *Mario Kart* then why not use DK? If Yoshi's back swing in *Toadstool Tour* is proving too annoying, then simply ditch the green dino and let the big K take to the fairway instead.



The tables were turned in *DK Jr.*

Donkey Kong's diversity is simply staggering and with three new titles all hopefully due by the end of the year, he's still proving to be massively popular. With this in mind, **CUBE** feels that now is the perfect time to look back over the career of one of gaming's most beloved simians and give you the complete low down on the real Donkey Kong.

THE EARLY YEARS

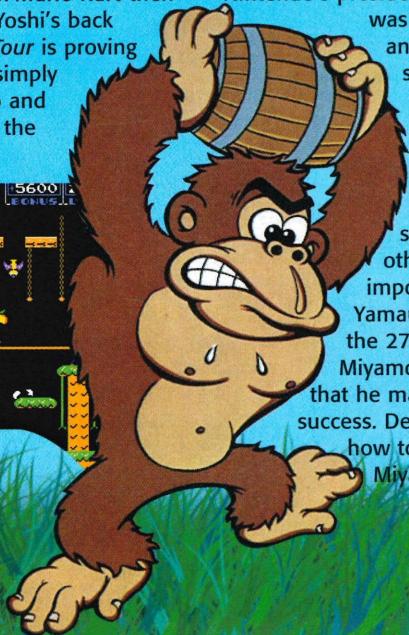
At the beginning of the Eighties, Nintendo was having an extremely hard time breaking into the arcade market. The title *Radarscope* had proven to be a massive flop and Nintendo's president Hiroshi Yamauchi was soon looking for anyone who could somehow turn around their most recent disaster and salvage something from the wreckage. With most of his staff tied up with other (no doubt) more important projects, Yamauchi-san turned to the 27-year-old Shigeru Miyamoto and demanded that he made *Radarscope* a success. Despite not knowing how to program, Miyamoto-san (who



The original Donkey Kong... with Jumpman.

freely admitted that he spent most of his class time down the local arcade) obviously felt confident and totally ditched the original game in favour of a brand new product.

Enter Donkey Kong, a huge ape that had captured the girlfriend of his owner and was now doing his best to stop Jumpman (who would later be known as Mario) from rescuing his beloved gal. Although Donkey Kong was initially cast as a villain, it wasn't something that the large primate had a problem with: "Sure, it's normally commercial suicide to play a bad guy in your first role, but after seeing my hero in King Kong, I was prepared to do anything," explains the lovable primate. "And besides, Nintendo paid me upfront with a massive amount of bananas, it was really a win, win situation and because of the hardware's limitations, you didn't have to hear my awful British accent."



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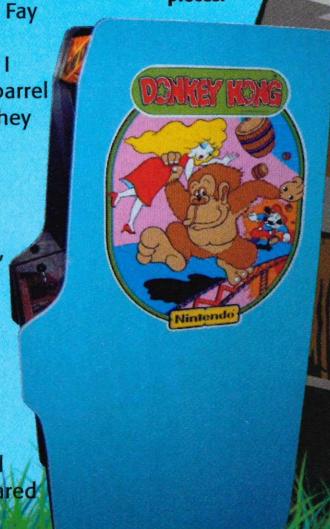
THINGS TURN NASTY

Almost instantly, *Donkey Kong* became a massive success and was soon to be found in arcades up and down the country. Nintendo was ecstatic, but as the cash registers continued to ker-ching for the Japanese giant, Universal Studios (creators of the original *King Kong* film) were far from happy with all the adulation Nintendo was receiving and immediately sued Nintendo for breach of copyright. "I remember this like it was yesterday," DK reveals with wistful disbelief. "I've watched *King Kong* hundreds of times and he's been a massive influence on me. I even attended his funeral when the old buffoon choked on Fay Wray, so to be accused of plagiarism hurt me deeply. I mean there's not a single barrel in *King Kong* so how can they say we copied it? Still, Nintendo apparently got a huge payout (it was to the tune of \$1.8 million) and I was given a new loin cloth, so everyone was happy."

MORE NEW TITLES

With the annoying court case drama a thing of the past, Miyamoto-san and Nintendo once again went back to work and delivered two new games that appeared

Where it all began... with big 10 pence pieces.



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GUEST STARRING ROLES

AS WELL AS STARRING IN HIS OWN TITLES, DONKEY KONG HAS GUEST STARRED IN PLENTY OF OTHER GAMES FOR NINTENDO, JUST CHECK THIS LITTLE LOT OUT...

Mario Kart Series: Super Mario Kart (SNES), Mario Kart 64 (N64), Mario Kart Super Circuit (GBA), Mario Kart Double Dash!! (GameCube)

Fantastic Mode 7 effects and some stunning gameplay all combine to create a great racer that's still great fun to play. Donkey Kong featured similar stats to Bowser and while he was rather slow, he had excellent handling and was great at taking corners. No doubt enjoying tearing around circuits in *Super Mario Kart*, Donkey Kong headed back to the asphalt again for *Mario Kart 64*.

Whilst the crashes could be a little off-putting, there was no mistaking that this was another top racer and Donkey Kong once again proved himself to be an extremely competent karter. Despite the small screen, *Mario Kart Super Circuit* proved to be just as good as the home console versions and was a graphical mix of both the original SNES and N64 titles. It was once again possible to play as Donkey Kong and he was a great choice for the more experienced player.

Last, but by no means least is the recent *Double Dash!!* The ability to team up with a second carter added some much-needed gameplay enhancements and the visuals (based on *Super Mario Sunshine*'s engine) look simply sublime. It might be fairly easy to complete, but there's a lot of depth to *Double Dash!!* And the multiplayer is superb. Donkey Kong has now been teamed up with Diddy Kong again and they make for a ferocious pair.

Mario Golf Series: Mario Golf (N64) Mario Golf: Toadstool Tour (GameCube)

Not content with jumping on platforms and speeding around in go-karts, Donkey Kong's next outing was on the golf links, where he proved to be very competent with a nine iron.

Thanks to his sheer bulk, the ape was a dab hand at taking long, powerful strokes and while his accuracy could be a little off, his distance more than made up for it. Despite being out in the US for ages, the GameCube update of *Mario Golf* has only just made it to the UK and is very good indeed.

Whilst Mario and his pals won't be giving Tiger Woods too much trouble, they still play a decent round of golf.

Both Donkey and Diddy Kong are available as playable characters and unsurprisingly, Donkey Kong's immense power serves him well on the larger courses. Let's hope Nintendo hurry up and release the Game Boy Advance version over here, and maybe we'll even a DS version. How cool would that be?



in 1982 and 1983. *Donkey Kong JR* saw DK being chained up by Mario and it was down to his son Donkey Kong JR to rescue him, while *Donkey Kong 3* was completely different to the first two titles and saw an unforgettable character called Stanley having to shoot at DK with insect repellent while trying to protect five plants at the bottom of the screen. Whilst *Donkey Kong 3* was fairly enjoyable, it wasn't a patch on the first two titles and along with the rather dire *Donkey Kong JR Math*, is one of the few weak links in DK's considerable history. With Nintendo's Famicom now available in Japan, all the *Donkey Kong* games were available for the machine and also appeared on practically every other console as well. "The Atari 2600, Intellivision, Colecovision, I appeared on them all and had already upgraded my jungle pad in anticipation of all the extra money my appearances would be bringing in," revealed a proud Kong. "Despite promises to the contrary though, the money never actually materialised and I was soon forced to mortgage my newly expanded property. Disillusioned with the industry I decided it was time to call it a day..."

KARTING FUN AND THE RARE CONNECTION

It was nine long years before Donkey Kong once again returned to videogames (rumours persist that he went through several celebrity break-ups) but his appearance on the SNES in *Super Mario Kart* proved that his fans hadn't forgotten him. Despite *Super Mario Kart* proving to be an excellent karting title (and for many, still as enjoyable today as it ever was) it's Rare's *Donkey Kong Country* that truly put DK back on the map.

Featuring incredible detail and fantastic animation, *Donkey Kong Country* was nothing like the other 16-bit titles of the period and still looks impressive today. Donkey Kong had been joined by close friend Diddy and was out for King K Rool's blood. This evil foe had stolen DK's precious banana collection and the angry ape was on a mission to make sure he got every last one back.



Donkey Kong 3 highlighted DK's flatulence.

Mine cart chases, riding animal helpers, plentiful mini games and the ability to tag between the two primates meant that *Donkey Kong Country* was a huge leap forward for both Donkey Kong and the platform genre in general and after a successful period on the

NES, Rare was once again thrust into the public eye.

"They say to never work with animals or children, but *Donkey Kong Country* was quite a pleasant experience," recalls DK. "Sure Rambi's continual flatulence was a problem and the less said about

Diddy Kong's sweaty paws the better, but overall I really enjoyed myself. And besides, those boys at Rare certainly knew how to make me look good and shiny."



THOSE GAME BOY APPEARANCES AND MORE RARE SHENANIGANS

With *Donkey Kong Country* proving to be a massive success on the SNES (and showing there was still plenty of life in Nintendo's cartridge format), a title for the Game Boy seemed like the next logical step. Tying in with the release of Nintendo's Super Game Boy, *Donkey Kong* was an all-new homage to the original arcade classic. Although the first four levels were identical to the arcade versions, later stages were totally

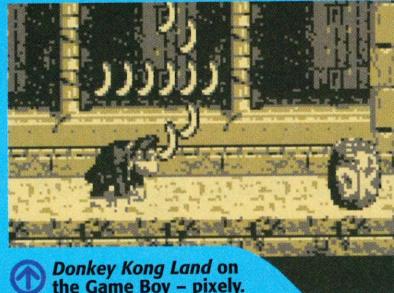


DK gets overly friendly in DCK.

different and were basically a cross between the original game and several levels from *Super Mario Bros 2*. Mario himself was now equipped with masses of new moves and while they made the original levels very easy to complete, they were extremely fun to play.

By 1995 a second *Donkey Kong Country* game had launched, *Diddy Kong's Quest*, and this time around Donkey Kong had actually been captured. It was now down to Diddy and his girlfriend Dixie to rescue the beloved ape, and whilst it was pretty much business as usual, the fantastic aesthetics and new animals made it another huge success.

Rare had also finished a conversion of the original *Donkey Kong Country* for the Game Boy and despite the limited hardware, the conversion was absolutely stunning and really showed off Rare's technical abilities. Not content to rest on its laurels, Rare released a



Donkey Kong Land on the Game Boy – pixely.

Monkey Rap (that was extremely similar to the musical showdown in *Banjo & Kazooie*) and huge levels, *Donkey Kong 64* brought a whole new layer of depth. "God that rap. Sure, it was good fun, but the choreography was a nightmare," explains DK. "Tiny insisted on getting all the best lines for herself and Lanky just couldn't keep his arms to himself. As for Chunky... well put it this way, if a 300-pound gorilla steps on your foot, it's really going to hurt."

"300 POUNDS OF PURE MONKEY GOODNESS"

further three Game Boy titles (*Donkey Kong Land 2* and *3* and *Donkey Kong Country*) as well as *Donkey Kong Country 3* for the SNES (which featured an N64 in one of the houses and gave a hint to Rare's next game).

THE APE GOES 3D

"I knew it was going to happen sooner or later, but even I was surprised at how great I looked in 3D although I never realised I had such a fat arse." DK is of course talking about *Donkey Kong 64* on the N64. Utilising the N64's expansion pac and featuring three brand new members of the family – Chunky, Lanky and Tiny – *Donkey Kong 64* was a great platformer that had loads to do, looked wonderful and took ages to complete. Featuring massive bosses and plenty of Rare humour, *Donkey Kong 64* may not have been as innovative as *Mario 64*, but it still proved to be a hell of a lot of fun. Cynics moan that it was Rare at its 'collect everything you can find' worst, but we reckon they were just jealous because they couldn't play it on their PlayStations. With an outrageous

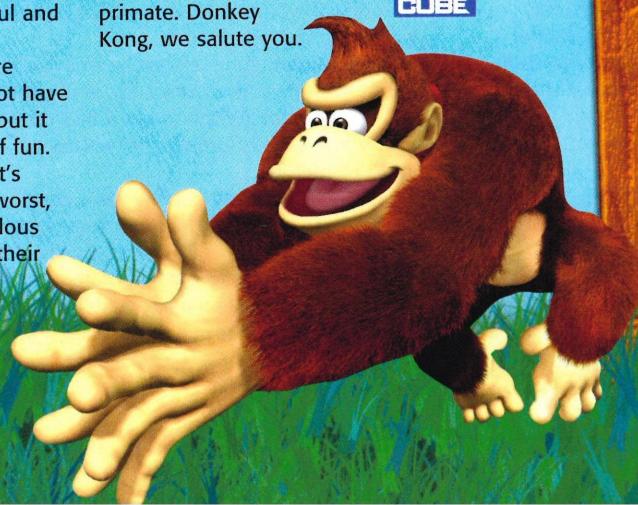


Thank god I haven't had to work with them since..."

THE FUTURE'S BROWN, THE FUTURE'S DONKEY KONG

It's now 2004 and we should hopefully all have *Mario Vs Donkey Kong*, *DK: King Of Swing*, *Donkey Konga* and *Donkey Kong: Jungle Beat* nestling in our collections by the end of the year. He may be 23 now (that's 79 and a half in ape years) but it would appear that Donkey Kong is about to enjoy his most innovative era yet. In the space of a few months we'll be swinging through trees, punching out enemies and laying down some mental beats and it's all thanks to Nintendo's wonderful primate. Donkey Kong, we salute you.

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Super Smash Brothers Series: Super Smash Brothers (N64) Super Smash Bros Melee (GameCube)

Now this is more like it, Nintendo got some of its most famous characters together and had them face off in fantastic brawls that catered for up to four players at once. Donkey Kong's ground slams and spinning arm attack proved extremely effective and he soon became the character of choice for many of the more competent players.



Featuring a massive amount of extras to unlock and plenty of Nintendo trophies to collect, *Super Smash Bros Melee* will keep you going for an eternity. The enhanced power of the GameCube means that Donkey Kong and his pals now look better than ever and the on-screen action is still as frenetic as it's always been. A great little title and its addition to the GameCube's budget range means that it's now cheaper than ever.

Mario Tennis (N64)

If you're looking for a serious game of tennis, then you're sadly going to be a bit disappointed with Nintendo's variation on the sport. It still plays a great game of the famous lawn sport, but let's face it, it's not everyday that your opponent is a 200lb gorilla wearing a tie. Donkey Kong's brute strength allows him to pull off some lethal smashes and he's also got a great reach in order to reach the trickier returns. Whilst the N64 version is proving to be quite expensive now, with any luck, the GameCube iteration should be available early next year and looks like a great continuation of the series.

Mario Party Series

Titles *Mario Party* (N64) *Mario Party 2* (N64) *Mario Party 3* (N64) *Mario Party 4* (GameCube), *Mario Party 5* (GameCube)

Although the *Mario Party* series is extremely good fun, Donkey Kong doesn't really get a chance to show off his abilities and is no different from the other characters available. Each player takes it in turns to move around a giant game board based on one of several different themes and seek out the elusive stars. Each round then ends in a mini-game, where all the characters will fight in order to collect coins and hopefully receive more stars. Whilst he was a playable character in the first four games, Donkey Kong was demoted for the fifth. Don't worry though – we still love you...

More Cameos

Donkey Kong has also starred in lots of other titles. As well as appearing in several Game & Watch titles for the various Game Boys, Kong can also be seen in *Punch-Out!*, *Super-Punch Out*, *Earthbound*, *Super Mario RPG*, *Tetris*, *F1-Race* and many more.

"What can I say? I love diversity and will try my hand at anything," explained Kong. "I've made a lot of friends in the industry and whenever I can I like to raise their IP status by appearing in their games. Actually scratch that, I can't stand them and only do it for the money!"



DAS PREVIEWS

Gonna take you to the radar, radar. And here we are! Waiting for games to come out is annoying, and now we're going to annoy you even more, cos most of these won't be out for ages. Sickening isn't it.

ON THE RADAR

Nuggets of Ninformation on games that are mere blips on our sonarscope

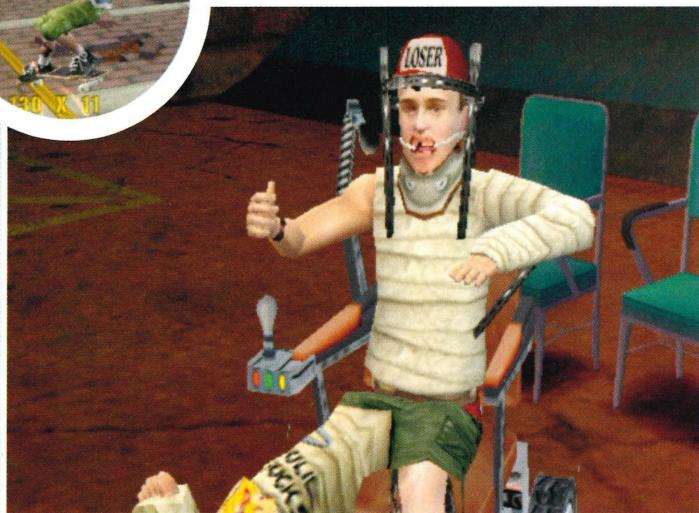
The suped up Segway gets major air.



What a wuss! He's wearing a helmet – does he not want to make a hilarious bails video?



You will learn to hate this git, don't pity him just because he's in a wheelchair.



PICTURE IT – YOU'RE skating about with your buddies, styling and profiling if you're good (or maxing and relaxing if you're just standing there), and all of a sudden a van screeches to halt and out jumps a masked chainsaw wielding maniac. Has Leatherface suddenly moved on from high-school fornicators to skaters? Nah, it's that wacky guy Bam Margera from CKY and *Jackass* (and the last three *Tony* games). Him and his mate Tony Hawk (remember him?) want to challenge you to a crazy world tour of, well, destruction.

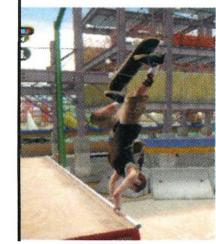
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Choose to be part of either Team Tony or Team Bam and perform those gnarly combos, chains and slap stickers on things all in the cause of getting points. The Sticker Slap move lets you mark the territory with your own custom designed sticker and gains you a few points too.

As ever a new gimmick has been added to your skating abilities and... aww crap, it's bullet time. Yep you can slow down time to get a few more tricks in in slow motion – hopefully this will prove itself to be a worthy addition.

Again you're not just confined to a plank of wood on wheels, there's turbo charged Segways to scoot (and trick) about on for various tasks. The humour has been upped too. Obviously with Bam I-can't-believe-it's-not-Margarine taking a bigger role than before there's lots of jokes about farts, which should amuse. But the best news is Faith No More's *Midlife Crisis* is on the soundtrack. Rock!

That's a Ho Ho Sad Plant, yep we're well up on skater terminology.



THUG 2: WORLD DESTRUCTION TOUR



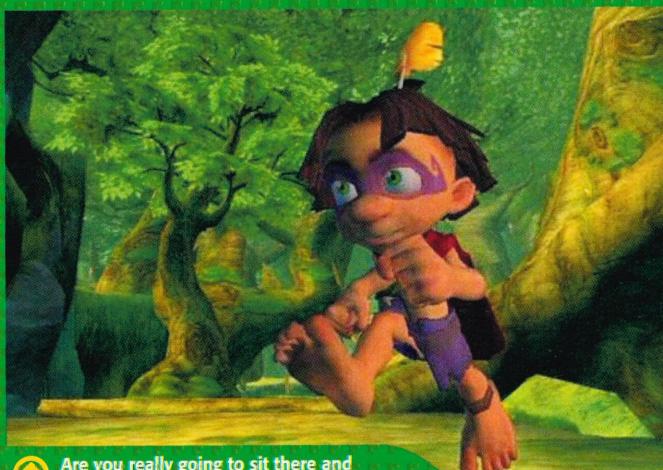
TAK 2: STAFF OF DREAMS

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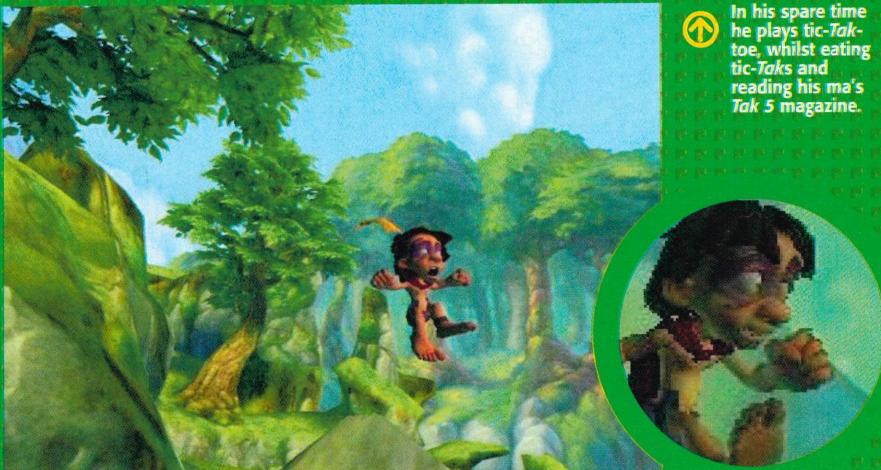
THE FIRST TAK was good – this is even better. Tak's popularity has certainly taken off since he got his own TV show on Nickelodeon – he can now demand more money and has spent it on getting a makeover. His nose is smaller and everything looks to be more in proportion than before – sure his feet are still huge but there's not much surgery you can do to feet.

With fame comes five minute friends and a few from the original return such as Flora,

Jibulba, and Lok. But what's this? Jibulba has been turned into a flea! What madness is this? But he turns out to quite handy really as you can use him to bite other animals to provoke a reaction and hopefully solve some of the more devious puzzles. There will be more animals including a bear who loves his honey, that you can use a trampoline to get to higher ledges. Tak hasn't lost his sense of humour so expect lots of quips, asides and even the odd witticism here and there.



Are you really going to sit there and Tak all these crap puns?

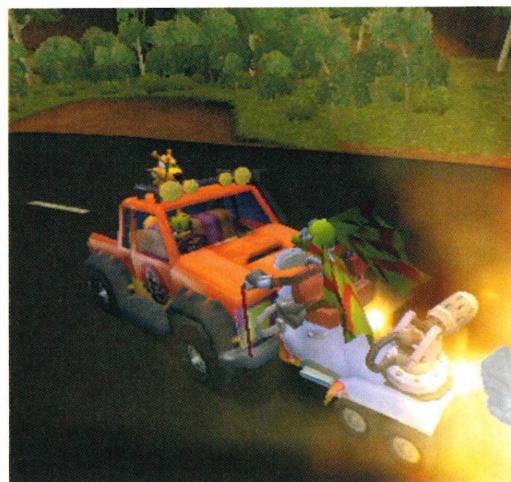


In his spare time he plays tic-Tak-toe, whilst eating tic-Taks and reading his ma's *Tak 5* magazine.



Are you
serious?

TY2



TY'S BACK – GRRREAT. Are you up for another of Ty's 'quite good but not as good as other stuff, like eating expensive sushi with Angelina Jolie (that would be class)' adventures? We didn't bother reviewing the first one, but never mind – sequels are always better, bigger, badder... bouncier?

This time Ty has to stop Boss Cass from taking over the world with his evil Uber Reptiles (they're bound to be as gnarly as they are phat then). Ty



Ty was a distinctly average platformer the first time round. Fingers are poised over 7 on the scoring keyboard.

gets his boomerang quota upped to 21 including the Lasharang and the Kaboomarang, we're sure you can guess what they do. Also, in the best tradition that giant robots are the coolest things ever, Ty can use five different mech units to further enhance his range of abilities and to beat off large numbers of baddies. Oh and it's set in Australia's outback rather than Tasmania. Flaming galas!

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The only thing we can see that's uber about the Uber reptiles is their eary, wingy things – massive!

THE POLAR EXPRESS

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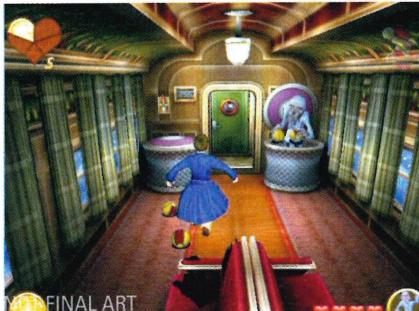
BEEN TO THE dentist recently? You might want to get a check up just to survive this Christmas and all the cutesy, sugar-coated 'family' films. Tom Hanks stars and Robert Zemeckis directs this odd but undoubtedly heart-warming tale of a journey to meet Santa Claus, at the North Pole, on a train. Us cynics are expecting delays.

Apparently you'll meet memorable characters from the film including Know-it-all Girl, Lonely boy, Smokey &

Streamers, and the Hobo (though we're not sure of his size, it's more than likely he's not the littlest). As you can tell from the screenshots... well, you can't tell much but we're sort of hoping that it'll be a brave move and bear some resemblance to *Densha De Go! (Let's Go By Train!)*. But it won't.

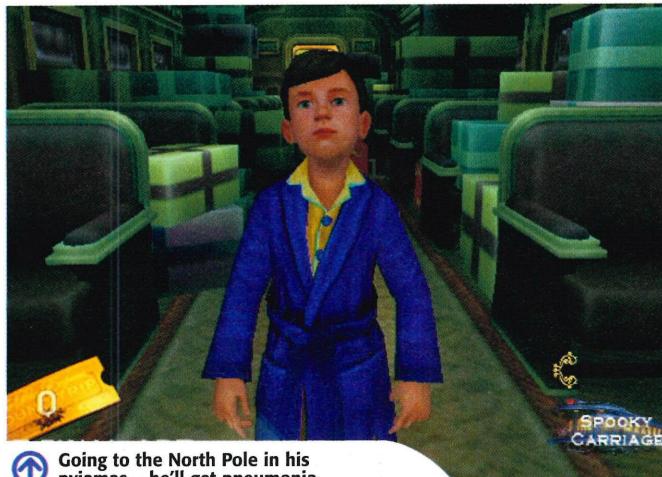
Still at least it put us in mind of The Divine Comedy, everybody sings ba-ba-badda ba-ba-badda...

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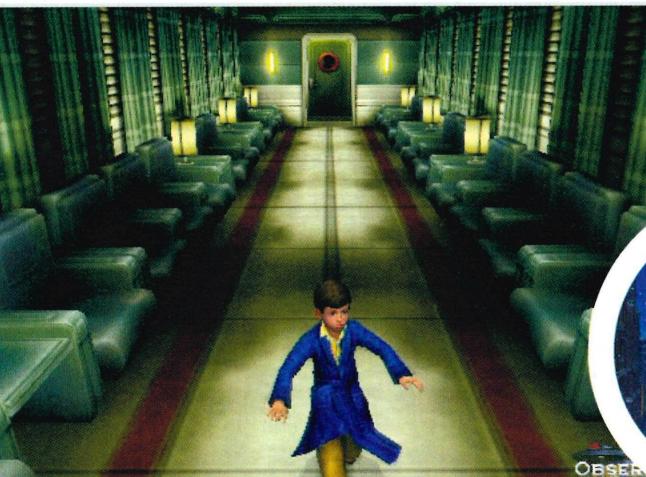


FINAL ART

Dressing gowns are the new pashimas soon to be seen on catwalks all over the globe.

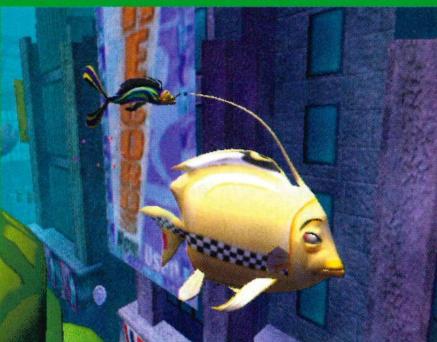
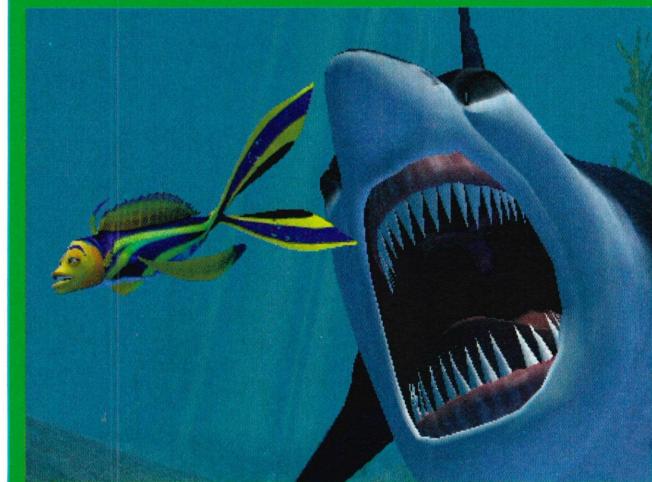


Going to the North Pole in his pyjamas – he'll get pneumonia.



Bite me

SHARK TALE



If you stroke a shark one way you're fine, stroke the other way and you'll be cut to ribbons.

Impressive cast for *Shark Tale*, but will the script and the game be as impressive? We shall see...



A COUPLE OF years after Pixar scored a big hit with the film *Finding Nemo* (not with the game, that was a bit average) Dreamworks is about to release *Shark Tale*, another fishy animated film. But with a much more impressive cast including Robert De Niro, Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Will Smith and absolutely no Ellen Degeneres whatsoeva!

The game is going to be an amalgamation of various genres including racing, fighting and dancing... not all at the same time of course, that would be silly.

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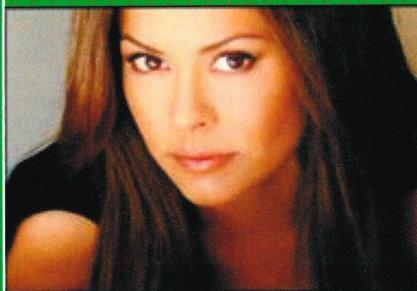
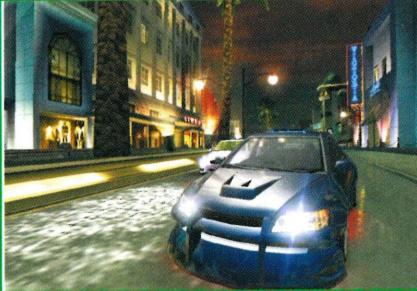
NEED FOR SPEED: UNDERGROUND 2

Pimp your wife, er, ride

AND THE BIG news is some bird called Brooke Burke from E! Entertainment's *Wild On TV* show is in it as the narrator/guide to the game. (We think *Wild On* is on Sky around the channel 200 mark – but it's such American drivel that no matter how perfectly arched her eye-brows are, it's not long before you switch over.)

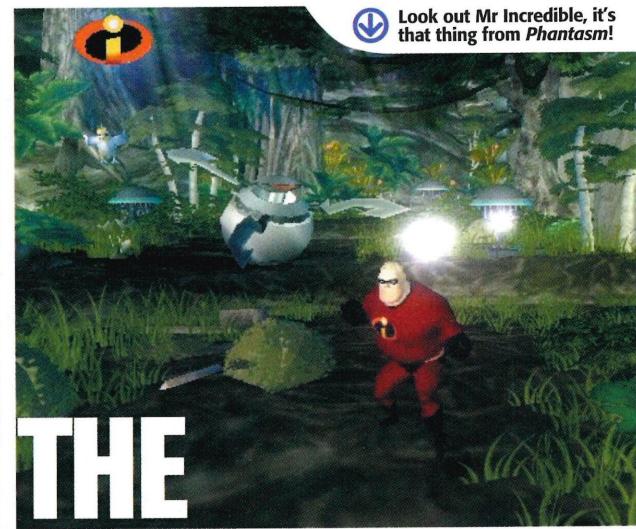
Like that guy from EA said in the last issue, the new game will be much more open and will have a non-linear story mode, loads more types of races to show off the stickers, spinning hubcaps and the goddamn neon underlighting.

Or as Brooke likes to put it: "NFSU 2 really captures one of the reasons I love my cars so much – they're a canvas for self-expression." Uh-huh... **CUBE**



Brooke Burke – her eyebrows were trimmed with lasers! Expensive, but very effective.

And here's Kelly Brook. She's in it too, you see. No complicated lines to learn, we hope.



Look out Mr Incredible, it's that thing from *Phantasm*!

THE INCREDIBLES

That's bloomin' amazing

SPEAKING OF NEMO and Pixar – here's *The Incredibles*. The big, new, mega-hyped film starring a family of superheroes. Lets look at the ingredients: cartoon film, family entertainment, cast of characters with different abilities – well it can only mean one thing, can't it – heads up for another platform adventure! Using the various strengths and abilities you can navigate the levels and save whatever it is you're supposed to save, collect 100 somethings and get an extra life (probably) and generally have a damn sweet time doing it. There was rumoured to be a big announcement at the Edinburgh Games Festival last month – there wasn't. **CUBE**



As always pants must be worn on the outside – nobody knows quite why, but it's tradition.

Doesn't this screen just scream "FUN! EXCITEMENT! REALLY NICE DOUBLE JUMP!"



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INFORMATION

THE URBZ: SIMS IN THE CITY

PUBLISHER: EA

DEVELOPER: MAXIS

ORIGIN: US

GENRE: PARTY/PUZZLE

PLAYERS: 1

PERCENTAGE COMPLETE



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A BIT OF PREVIOUS

THE SIMS
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Bright lights, big city



FIRST REACTION
Great idea, but traditionalists and long term fans of the series might not take to it immediately.

MAXIS HAS STEERED AWAY FROM THE RPG-ISH ELEMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SIMS GAMES

THE URBZ: SIMS IN

And not a Carrie Bradshaw in sight...



AFTER THE SUCCESS of *The Sims: Bustin' Out*, Maxis has had a hard job trying to up the stakes. The result? *The Urbz* – a new brand of street savvy, tough-as-nails Sims that only care about money and their reputations.

Cashing in on the current trend for all things urban and 'bling' (urgh), Maxis has taken the franchise out of the suburbs and into the city. Like the previous games, you start off with a basic Sim who has few social skills and no discernable talents. This time, however, the Create-A-Character options have been greatly reduced, yes we said reduced. Why? Maxis claims it's because you need to unlock new clothes so you can blend in with the people around you and improve your rep. Apparently this won't be easy, as *The Urbz* is separated into nine districts, each of which has a unique personality and style that you must conform to. The districts are Neon East, Cozmo Street,

Diamond Heights, South Side Bridge, 125th Street, Gasoline Row, Central Station, Kicktail Park and The Foundry. Each district is home to a variety of miscreants, such as bikers at Gasoline Row, sk8ter bois at Kicktail park and gangsters at 125th Street. Eep!

The game itself is pretty simple. At the start you need to select a district, where you will stay until you have completed a range of challenges set out for you. These tend to fall into one of three categories: 1) getting a job, like Pro Skater, Ferret Tamer or Bar Tender 2) socialise with those around you 3) get into the VIP lounge. During your time in each district you have to build your reputation by getting a promotion at work and learning new social moves. Once you have increased your reputation sufficiently, you can unlock an apartment so you have somewhere to live (before this, you will live in a squat), unlock a pet (a bulldog, a cat

THE COMPANY LINE

"GO TO WORK AND BE CHALLENGED BY BOSSSES"

EA PRESS RELEASE

CUBE BACKATCHA

Are they being ironic?



THE CITY

and a monkey are on offer) and gain entrance to the VIP lounge. This is vital, as once inside the VIP lounge you will learn the Power Social move needed to defeat the district's bad-guy, who is running around the 'hood stealing everyone's money. Once he/she is beaten, the next district is unlocked. Once you've completed all nine districts and taken over the city, you can play in Free Mode, which EA promises will contain plenty of incentives, such as new items to buy for your apartments. In this mode you can also become infamous by annoying everyone you meet and getting the lowest reputation score possible. Neat.

From what we've seen so far, it seems that Maxis has steered slightly away from the RPG-ish elements of the previous *Sims* games, by reducing the amount of Motivation bars (like hygiene, energy, environment) to just five, so players can focus on interacting with



other Urbz and doing the jobs successfully, rather than constantly worrying if their character is happy in its surroundings. The action is also centred around the workplace, so the game is focused on completing challenges – like serving drinks – rather than entertaining your neighbours.

The *Urbz* is shaping up to be another chart topping title and one any *Sims* fanatic should look out for this November.

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BIG BOX, LITTLE BOX

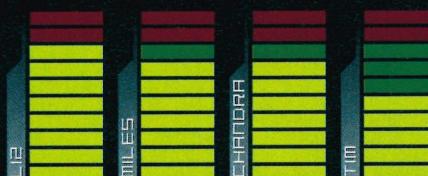
MORE URBZ ACTION ON YOUR GBA

Maxis is releasing a GBA version of *The Urbz*, although it's styled more on the GBA *Bustin' Out* than on the GC game. Still, the basic premise is the same but this time you must stop Daddy Moneybags from taking control of the city. In order to do this, you need to socialise with other Sims to earn their trust, then convince them not to sell their property/business to Daddy. At the same time, you will need to complete a number of challenges set out to you by these people, including finding a place to live, getting a new job and earning the respect of your social group. There are also the usual minigames, where you can win money and earn respect. One of the great features about the GBA version is that you can download the specific GBA characters into the GameCube version of the game.



CUBE EXPECTATIONS

QUIRKY, ENTERTAINING, BUT IT'S NOT THE SIMS



- ⊕ Concentrate on work life
- ⊕ Great new locations
- ⊖ Story mode only 10 hours long
- ⊖ More adventure orientated

This is a mixed bag – it's funny, got some inspired ideas and loads of great objects to buy but the gameplay is short and the lack of motivation bars will disappoint many *Sims* fans. Plus there's the whole having to conform aspect that we don't really like. Conformity's not fun and neither is having someone dictate your fashion sense.

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Where am I
going to get 10,000
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Be afraid,
be very afraid.

Are you
alright?

Yeah i just
poisoned
it.

Who's the
scary one
on the end?

Nice body,
do you
work out?

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Multi Player

No, look
for treasure
with me.

Anyone
seen the
onion?

I may be small,
but I'm fast

One...Two...
Three...Lift.

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INFORMATION

DK: JUNGLE BEAT

PUBLISHER: NINTENDO

DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE

ORIGIN: JAPAN

GENRE: PLATFORMER

PLAYERS: 1

PERCENTAGE COMPLETE



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PREVIOUS

FROM THE MAKERS OF...

SUPER MARIO SUNSHINE

■ Gameplay galore with the GameCube's only true Mario game. It's essentially *Mario 64 II*, but who cares?

TOTALGAMES.NET RATING: 94



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WORLD EXCLUSIVE SCREENS

DONKEY KONG:

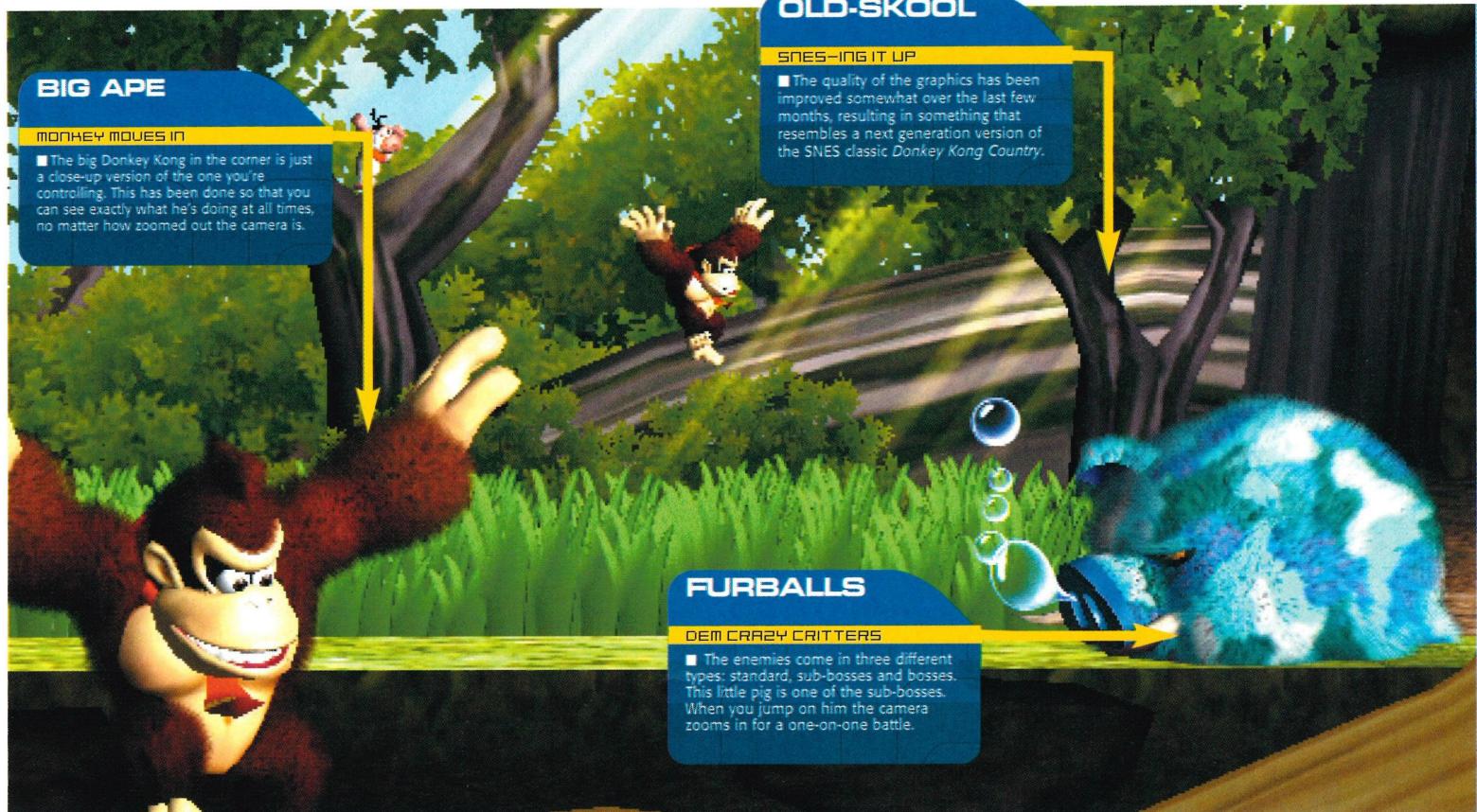
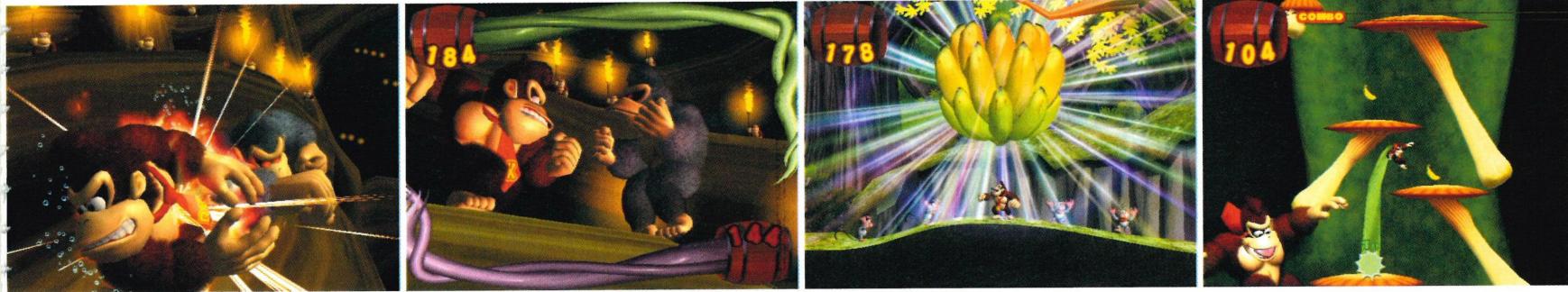
The beat is on,
the beat is
oh-onnn!

NINTENDO HAS NEVER been one to do things by the book but we've learned that however ridiculous something may seem, if it has anything to do with Nintendo, it's more than likely to be good. There have been

three notable exceptions to this rule: the Virtual Boy, E3 2003's focus on connectivity, and creating a platformer that is controlled with bongos. Yes, we admit it: when we first saw Nintendo's bizarre new game at E3 in May, we

weren't terribly impressed. It smacked of a company that was desperately trying to release more games for a peripheral that thus far had only one use. It didn't look all that either. In short, we weren't all that bothered.

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JUNGLE BEAT

It wasn't until four weeks later at Nintendo's Post E3 Games Day that we got to sit down and give the game our full attention. We came away very impressed and made it our mission to get more out of Nintendo. We couldn't

print our positive impressions because quite frankly there's only so much you can do with five screenshots. Three months later the team at Nintendo is finally ready to show us more. What follows are six pages of World Exclusive

new information and screenshots for what is now one of our most anticipated GameCube titles.

First things first: we fully understand what's going through your minds right now. How on earth could something

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

CHANGE OF SCENERY?



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like this possibly work? How can you control a character with bongos? And even if you could, what a stupid idea! Well here's the lowdown: you control Donkey Kong (there's no sign of Diddy or any of the others at this stage so maybe we'll get lucky and be rid of their sorry asses this time).

To make him travel left you tap the left bongo. The faster you tap it, the faster DK will run. The same works for travelling to the right, only you have to use the right bongo. Tapping both bongos at once will see the big ape jumping into the air. Clapping has a different effect depending on the situation you're in. If you clap while DK is on the move he'll perform a clap as well, which is basically an attack of sorts. If you clap (and repeatedly clap) while DK is stationary he'll beat his chest and howl. This sends out a shockwave that bursts banana bubbles and takes out any nearby enemies. Essentially then you've a standard attack and a power-up attack. In the E3 version of the game there was also a Combo Meter, but this appears to have been removed for the new build.

The entire game is built around these very simple gameplay ideas, and anything else that you may have to do is merely an extension of these moves. So, if you're on a springy toadstool and are trying to build up a jump, you just press down both bongos and let go when you're ready. If you want to perform a wall jump (there are many areas where you have to repeatedly do this to gain access to higher levels) you just jump towards the wall and hit both bongos when you get there. Naturally there's a lot of swinging involved, and again this is a simple task. Just jump towards the vine and DK will grab hold of it. You use the bongos to swing left and right, and tap both when you want to jump off.

There are also parts of the game where DK gets to use other methods of



"THE E3 VERSION DIDN'T REALLY IMPRESS IN THE GRAPHICAL DEPARTMENT BUT THIS PROBLEM HAS BEEN ADDRESSED"



A WHOLE NEW WORLD

WELCOME TO DONKEY KONG COUNTRY...

It's still very early days as far as specific details go, but we can tell you a little about the five levels that we've seen so far. Believe it or not the levels don't seem to be following the cliché of fire/ice/desert. No, seriously...

MORNING FIELD

Set on the edge of the jungle, this level consists of grassy slopes and the occasional tree, backed up by the deep jungle in the background. The open ground doesn't leave much cover for the smaller animals, but you'll get your fair share of snoozing Fluffhogs who won't take too kindly to being woken.

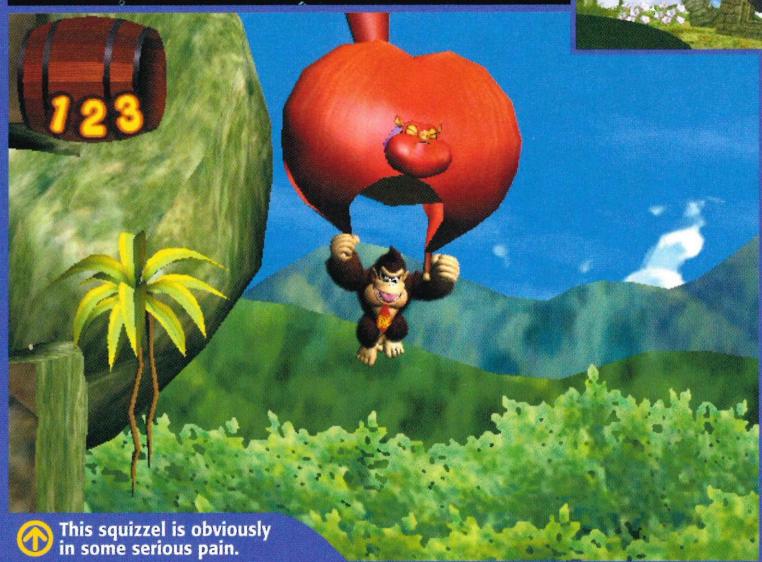
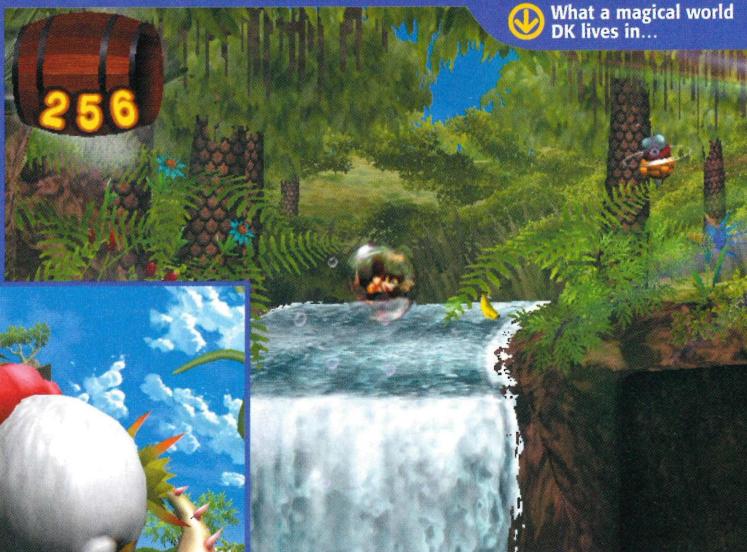
DEEP JUNGLE

As you venture further into the jungle the tree coverage becomes denser, and you'll have to resort to swinging or jumping across bouncy toadstools. Some gaps are too wide even to swing across, and it's at this point that you'll have to make use of the flying squirrels. There should be more flying squirrels in games, we reckon. In fact there's no situation that can't be improved in some way by squirrels!

Those stinkin' piiiis! DK shows them what for...



What a magical world DK lives in...



This squizzel is obviously in some serious pain.



WATERFALL RETREAT

This level is chock-full of annoying little enemies such as bees. DK has to use bubbles to float up the waterfall to the levels above. He can steer the bubbles but he can't attack, as clapping will burst the bubble and send him to his death.

SKYGARDEN

Once you've trundled through the various jungle levels you eventually get up to the treetops and discover a strange new world called the Skygarden. There are some weird and wonderful creatures up here, such as the freaky Rooster Plant that you can see in this screenshot.

ICY PLAIN

Plenty of you will have seen this level before. It's the classic shot where DK and the Mooshin are desperately trying to get away from a massive fish. This level also puts you up against other unbeatable enemies (you have to avoid them rather than kill them) such as Yukimogura (spiky moles).

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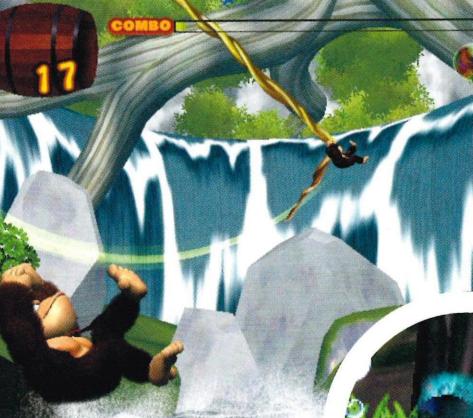
BRUCIE BONUS

WHAT DO BANANAS GET YOU? ALL TOGETHER NOW...

As per usual some cheeky get has gone and nabbed all of DK's bananas (what are the odds, eh?), and it's your job to get them all back. At the end of every level you'll find a huge stash of the things which, naturally, are guarded by a boss. Defeat the boss and a little monkey tribe will jump out and do a celebratory dance (possibly the best part of the game) while you stand proud in front of your prize. At certain points in each level you'll have an opportunity to grab hold of a Bonus Bird and fly up to a Bonus Barrel. This gives you access to one of the many bonus levels. One of these sees you gobbling down as many bananas as possible in the time limit.



The bigger enemies require one-on-one battles where DK gets to flex some muscle.



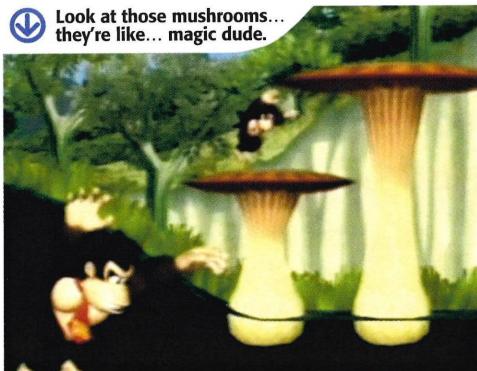
The big image mimics whatever you're doing.



Morning has broken,
like the first...



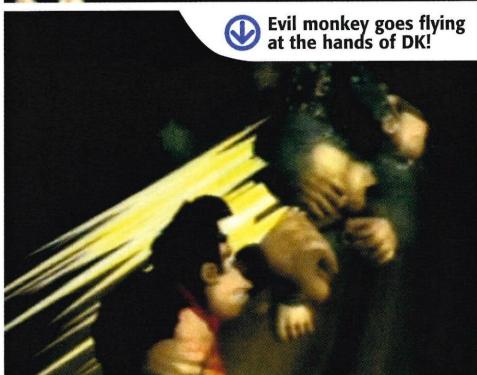
"WHILE IT SOUNDS RIDICULOUS, THE CONTROLS ARE IN FACT FLUID AND INTUITIVE"



Look at those mushrooms... they're like... magic dude.



The backdrops are very nice. Let's hope they're interactive.



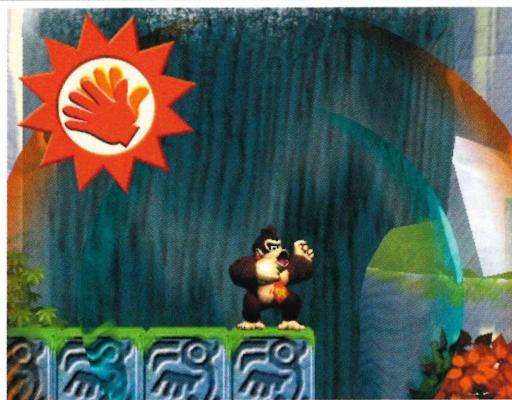
Evil monkey goes flying at the hands of DK!

CONTINUED transport. The air bubbles and the Mooshin immediately spring to mind. On the waterfall level DK has to float up to the lofty mountain peaks in a giant bubble. You can steer the bubble with the bongos (DK leans to either side) and when you want to get out you just use your power-up move. The Mooshin is a bull/ram creature that turns up in the ice world (think Rambi from *Donkey Kong Country*). There are ice pillars everywhere and Mooshin is the only creature that can ram through them... with his face.

The combat in *Jungle Beat* has three different styles: the first style is your standard clap and power-up attack, which is useful for taking out the smaller enemies (birds, bees and such). Then you have the larger enemies and the groups of enemies, such as the Fluffhogs and the Killer Mice. Standard attacks aren't enough to get rid of these foes, so when you encounter them the camera switches to a special battle mode and zooms in on the action. With the Fluffhog you have to jump on his back and repeatedly whack the left, then right bongos. Once you get a momentum going you can speed up and get a massive combo. The Killer Mice attack

in groups, and the only way to kill them is to shake them off by tapping the bongos and clapping like a madman. These are the equivalent of sub bosses in the game. The third and final style of combat comes in the form of boss fights. These are one-on-one fights where you have to figure out the boss's weaknesses. For example you go up against an evil Kong at one point and have to block his attacks before jumping in with a flurry of fists. If you don't get the momentum just right your combo will fall short and the evil ape will be able to sneak an attack in.

Something we mentioned right at the start of this In-Depth was that the E3 version of the game didn't really impress in the graphical department. We're pleased to report that this problem has been addressed. Elsewhere we've put together some comparison shots for you to highlight the specific improvements, but basically it all comes down to texturing and modelling. A large number of the character models have been completely remodelled, and now resemble next-generation versions of the creatures from *Donkey Kong Country*. They even have the same sheen to them. DK himself hasn't changed, but he always looked great anyway.



If you're happy and you know it (or if you want to howl like crazy) clap your hands!

It suddenly clicked in our heads at some point (kind of like a eureka moment) that *Jungle Beat* is actually a spiritual sequel to the *Donkey Kong Country* games. It's a side-scrolling platformer that features DK travelling through different worlds collecting bananas. He even gets to ride other animals. The fact that the game is controlled by bongos is just Nintendo's way of advancing the series, and you know what? It works. While it sounds ridiculous, the controls are in fact fluid and intuitive. We won't see anything new until the end of the year, so you'll have to make do with the DVD footage and these mouth-watering new shots.

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SAYS...

FIRST IMPRESSION

■ This is another one of those classic Nintendo games that you can't imagine working until you've actually played it. In the same way that *Wind Waker* is totally suited to toon-shading, *DK Jungle Beat* is totally suited to the bongos. You could map all the controls to a control pad if you wanted to, but the bongos add even more to the game, and make it a refreshing, and surprisingly natural-feeling play.

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INFORMATION

MARIO TENNIS GC

PUBLISHER: NINTENDO

DEVELOPER: CAMELOT

ORIGIN: JAPAN

GENRE: SPORTS

PLAYERS: 1-4

PERCENTAGE COMPLETE



PREVIOUS

FROM THE MAKERS OF...

MARIO GOLF: TT

Mario's trip to the green looks great, plays well and is full of multiplayer fun and stuff.



TOTALGAMES.NET RATING: 8.0



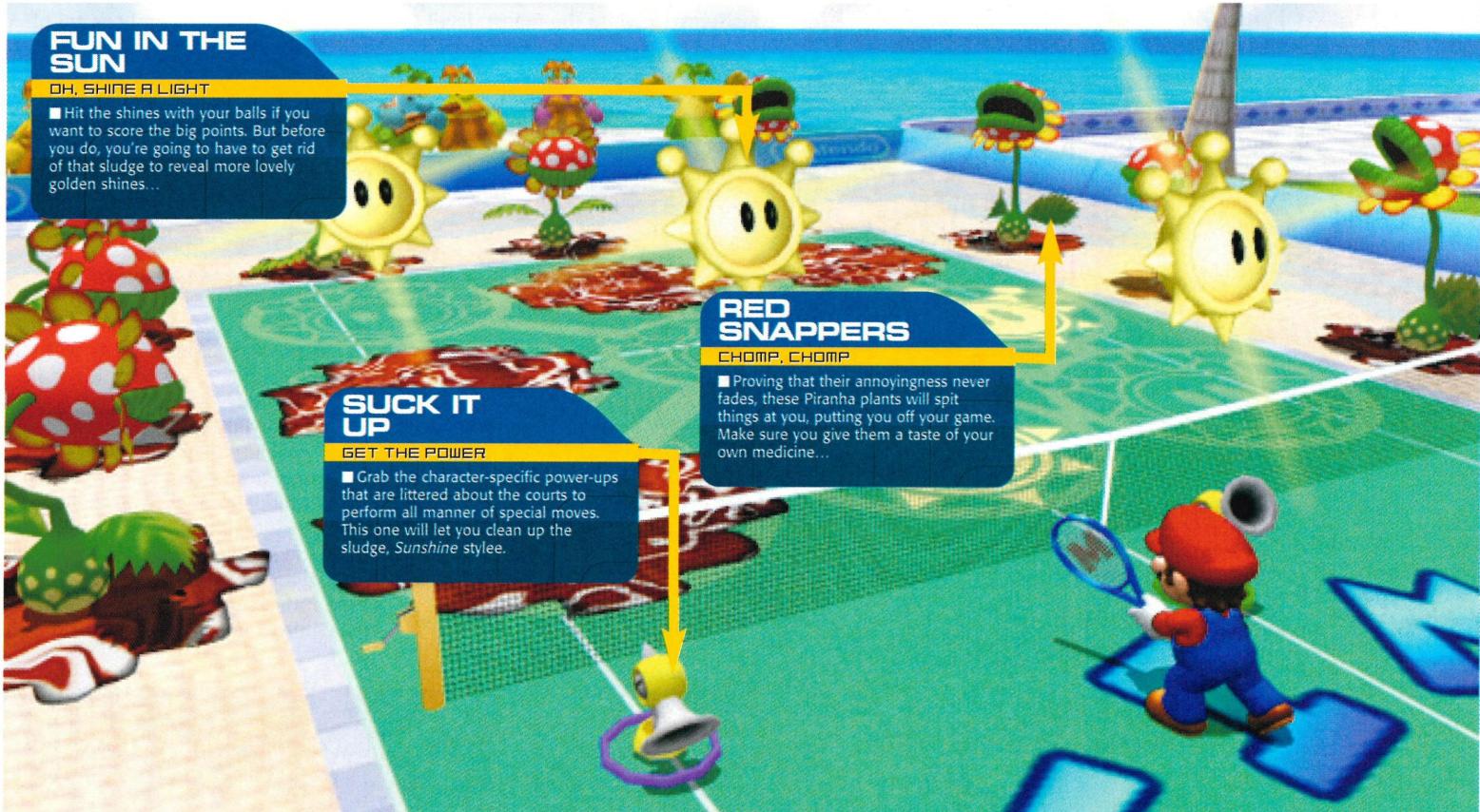
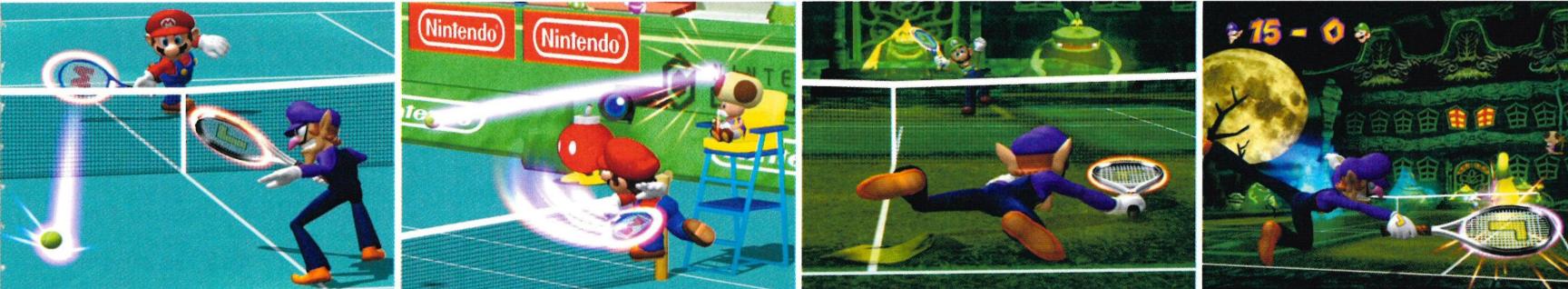
MARIO TENNIS GC

Camelot serves up another offering...

VIDEOGAME TENNIS – AT its most basic level, when you break it down a bit, well it's *Pong*, innit? But over the years we've seen hundreds of tennis games, some good, some bad, some almost as good as *Virtua Tennis*. It's amazing that there could be such range for such relatively simple game. Of course, the reason for this is that

best ones aren't all that simple once you get digging underneath the skin – subtle controls, clever AI, scope for trick shots that confuse your opponent... and most importantly of all, a multiplayer mode that works. Only a few tennis games have managed to be truly remarkable in this respect, and *Mario Tennis* is one of

"CAMELOT KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC WON'T BE APPEASED WITH A SIMPLE GRAPHICAL UPDATE"



them, the licence allowing the developers to cram in all kinds of features that you simply wouldn't be able to do otherwise. We've seen it on the N64 and the GBC, and now it's the turn of the GameCube, and happily it appears that developers Camelot know that the public won't be appeased with a simple graphical update – as proved by the revelation that as late as March last year the project was scrapped and started all over again once the team realised that they weren't taking the series in a direction they cared about. Apparently while the gameplay was

deep and rewarding, there was the danger that people who had played the N64 version would have difficulty seeing any difference in the game beyond the graphics and a few extra modes. So that would explain why this has taken so long to get this far, then...

Happily, with Nintendo publishing the game (and they've not been exactly punctual over the years), Camelot have been given the time to completely rework their concept, and the end result, which we're just on the verge of getting to review ourselves looks to be nothing short of amazing.



CUBE IN-DEPTH

With power ups and added Kremlins this'll be a blast.



RARELY SEEN MONSTERS

WHO'S GOT WHOM?

So what is it that Rare own, exactly? We thought they'd taken everyone but Donkey, Diddy, Dixie et al – but look at this. Snapping up stray balls on the court and looking on at the action is a selection of Kremlins, the usual stars of the *Donkey Kong Country/Land* games.

Now, we're not complaining that they're there, because we like the idea of having even more characters involved in the game, and playing as K Rool (if that's possible) would be fun... but we're just wondering what else Rare forgot when it packed its suitcase.

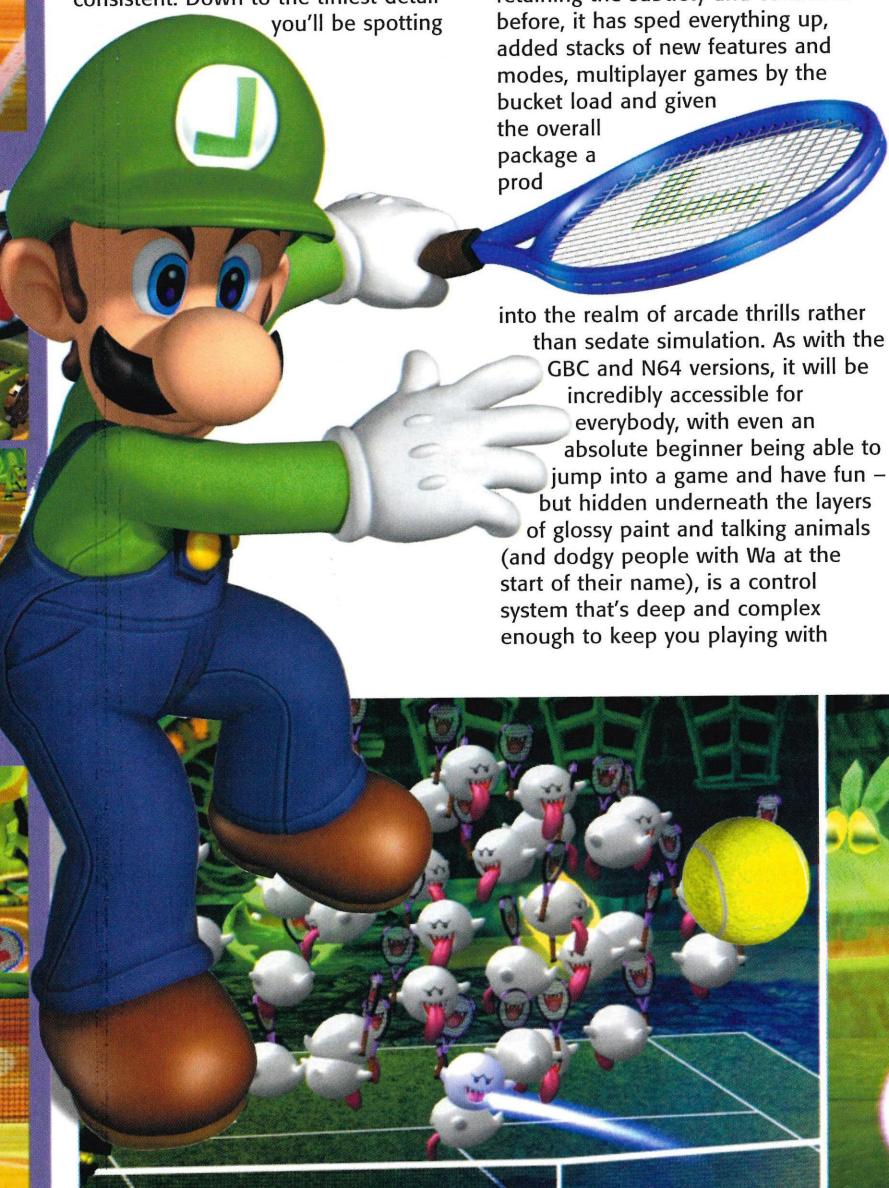


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The graphics, as you can see, look spectacular... but did you expect anything else? The sheer amount of colours on screen at any one time is of particular note, and once again we're pleased to see that everything ties in with the Mario universe nicely. We're given courts based around his previous outings such as *Super Mario Sunshine*, and one based around Luigi's recently acquired mansion, but it's not only these that keep everything consistent. Down to the tiniest detail you'll be spotting

old enemies and cameos from ancient games – even the plants and trees surrounding the jungle court look very familiar! Ahh, nostalgia.

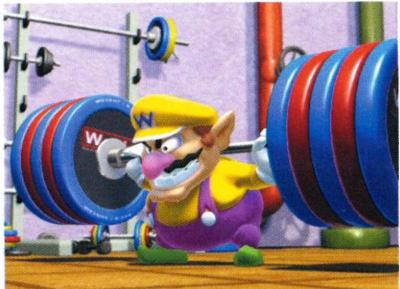
But while this is all very nice, the real draw of *Mario Tennis* will be how it plays – this is what Camelot wanted to rework, after all. The original version, as said before was very deep but it felt, a little too serious and lacking in new features. Like any other decent tennis game but with token nods to Nintendo. Now, while still retaining the subtlety and control of before, it has sped everything up, added stacks of new features and modes, multiplayer games by the bucket load and given the overall package a prod



into the realm of arcade thrills rather than sedate simulation. As with the GBC and N64 versions, it will be incredibly accessible for everybody, with even an absolute beginner being able to jump into a game and have fun – but hidden underneath the layers of glossy paint and talking animals (and dodgy people with Wa at the start of their name), is a control system that's deep and complex enough to keep you playing with

Night Of 1000 Frights – well not really, they're kinda cute.

"CAMELOT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE TIME TO COMPLETELY REWORK ITS CONCEPT"



similarly-minded friends long into the night, discovering new ways of tricking each other and getting the upper hand – in short, everything we noted above that qualifies a tennis game to be preferable to the real thing when it's raining outside. And this isn't even considering the huge amount of other features that will be included – special characters, power-ups, bonus games, unlockables, extra tournaments, the multiplayer mode – you just know that there are going to be surprises all the way, and even when you've found everything you'll still be playing, especially when you've got your friends round for a spot of doubles action.

The Japanese release date for *Mario Tennis GC* is awfully close – in fact, by the time you read this it should be out. So you can be sure that we'll be giving you the ultimate review next issue – **CUBE** style. For now, just enjoy these incredible screens and dream about swatting balls with your favourite fat Italian. It's going to be special.

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LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

FOUR PLAY

True to pretty much every *Mario*-branded title ever developed, there'll be no shortage of minigames to play either on your own or with other players. Just from this small selection of screens you can see how some games will ask you to smash Shines, try

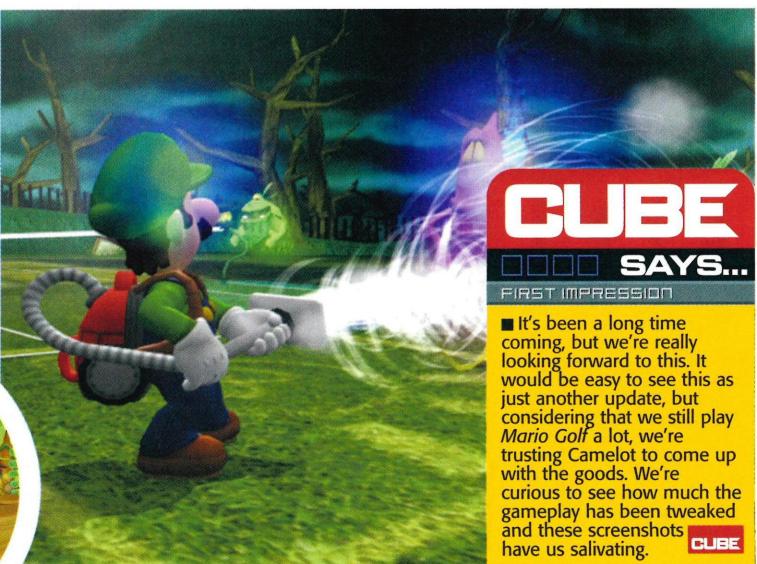
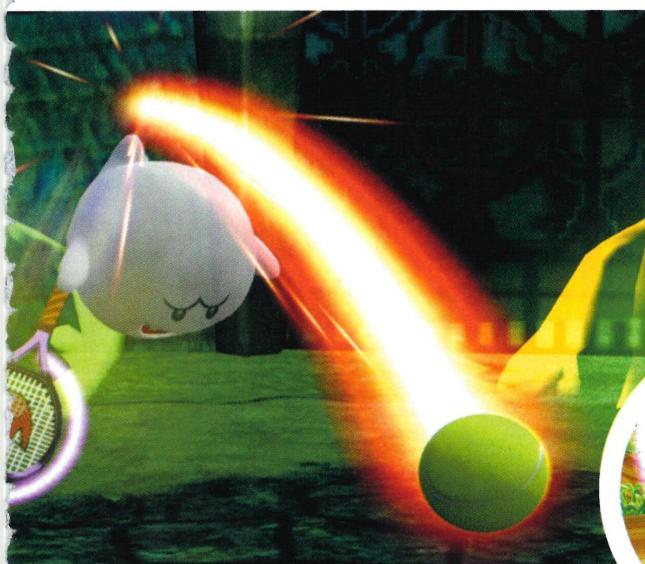
and beat an entire wall made out of Boos, hit the bubbles that come from Piranha plants and take on the squid boss from *Mario Sunshine*. You may also note that up to four players can play on the same side of the court in some of these games.



From Boos to Goombas there's a lot of old enemies to thrash.

Henman – does he have a ghost of a chance at Wimbledon next year? Worst. Pun. Ever.

Luigi sucks! We all know that but how's his vacuum cleaner going to be put to good use?



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□□□□ **SAYS...**

FIRST IMPRESSION

It's been a long time coming, but we're really looking forward to this. It would be easy to see this as just another update, but considering that we still play *Mario Golf* a lot, we're trusting Camelot to come up with the goods. We're curious to see how much the gameplay has been tweaked and these screenshots have us salivating.

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INFORMATION

PRINCE OF PERSIA 2

PUBLISHER: UBISOFT
DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE
ORIGIN: CANADA
GENRE: PLATFORM ADVENTURE
PLAYERS: 1

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FROM THE MAKERS OF...

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Highly under-rated adventure that's well worth a few weeks of anyone's time. Beautiful.



TOTALGAMES.NET RATING: 94

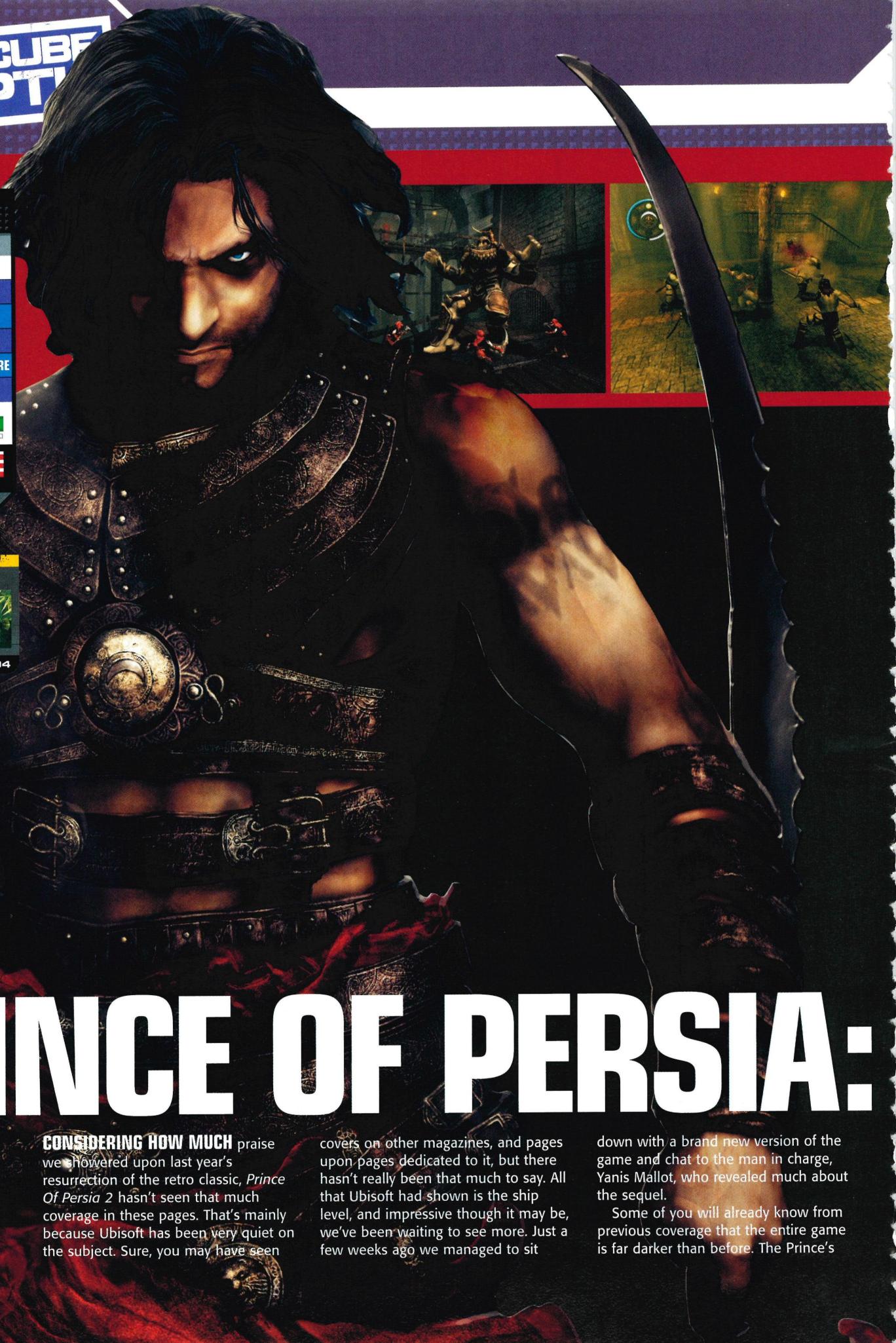
Revenge has never tasted so sweet...

CONSIDERING HOW MUCH praise we showered upon last year's resurrection of the retro classic, *Prince Of Persia* 2 hasn't seen that much coverage in these pages. That's mainly because Ubisoft has been very quiet on the subject. Sure, you may have seen

covers on other magazines, and pages upon pages dedicated to it, but there hasn't really been that much to say. All that Ubisoft had shown is the ship level, and impressive though it may be, we've been waiting to see more. Just a few weeks ago we managed to sit

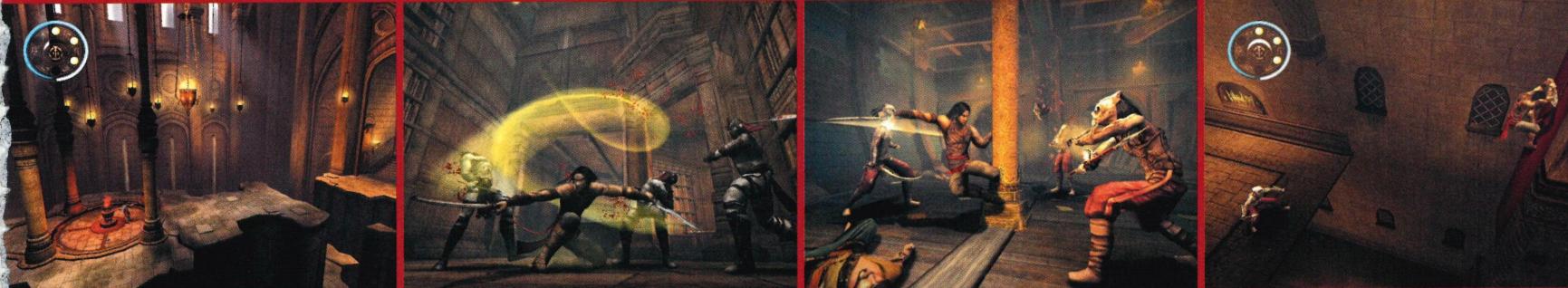
down with a brand new version of the game and chat to the man in charge, Yanis Mallot, who revealed much about the sequel.

Some of you will already know from previous coverage that the entire game is far darker than before. The Prince's



PRINCE OF PERSIA:

"AN ANCIENT CREATURE OF TIME CALLED THE DAHAKA IS HUNTING THE PRINCE DOWN, ITS ONLY PURPOSE BEING TO DESTROY HIM"



WARRIOR WITHIN

appearance has changed, and the new character is wiser, more experienced and more determined than ever before. Saying that, his immense knowledge has made him arrogant, and he sets off on his journey despite his mentor The Old Man telling him not to. It's a similar

situation to Anakin Skywalker and Obi Wan, and we all know what happened there. Prince, you've been warned fella.

The story goes that the Sands of Time from the prequel have caused a massive rift in the timeline. Upon his return to Babylon the Prince learns that

his time tinkering has put his life in extreme peril: an ancient creature called the Dahaka is hunting him down, its only purpose being to destroy him, thus repairing the rift. The Dahaka is unbeatable in battle (think of it as an even tougher



IN THE CUBE WITH... YANIS MALLOT

POSITION: PRODUCER
COMPANY: UBISOFT

CUBE: Can you tell us a bit about the new game, and how it ties in with the old game?

YM: By opening the hourglass in the last game he unleashed the Sands of Time and corrupted the timeline. By doing that he called upon himself a creature called the Dahaka, which is from Persian mythology. The Dahaka is the incarnation of fate, everyone's fate, especially people who screw up the timeline. The Dahaka's only goal is to correct the timeline, and will have no rest until he kills the Prince. The Prince is trying to go back in time, to before the creation of the Sands of Time. No Sands of Time, no Dahaka.

CUBE: From a gameplay perspective, what are the new additions?

YM: We were pretty harsh with ourselves after the last game. We looked at Sands of Time and thought about what wasn't as good as we would have wanted it to be in our opinion. We identified three main areas where the game needed enhancement. Firstly there was the fight system. Again, we were being harsh, but it could get a little boring and repetitive, and there was little variation with the enemies. Secondly there was no real boss in the game, which was quite a big thing to be missing. Lastly there was no real replay value, and no incentive to play again, aside from the true replay value of enjoying the game again.

Those are the main areas, which we've concentrated on for *POP2*. We have given much more depth to the gameplay experience. For example, in *POP* the players were enjoying cool moves and smooth animation, but they were merely triggering the moves, then enjoying watching the Prince do all this crazy stuff. With *POP2* we're giving the control to the player. I don't like the word 'combos' but this is pretty much what it's all about. In *POP2* when the Prince is on an enemy's shoulders we're giving the player a whole tree of different ways to finish the attack: should you decapitate in the air, should you throw him against the wall, should you grab him round the neck and use him as a human shield, should you strangle him... we're letting the players do what they want.

CUBE: We've seen a lot on the PS2 and Xbox versions. What can you tell us about the GameCube version?

YM: The GameCube version, in my personal opinion, is the little gem. We're optimising the data for each specific console. The GameCube version will benefit from high-speed rendering as well as all-new visual effects such as physics and water, which will be much more optimised. We're also using bump-mapping, dynamic lighting and shadowing. This little machine is really up to what we want to do.



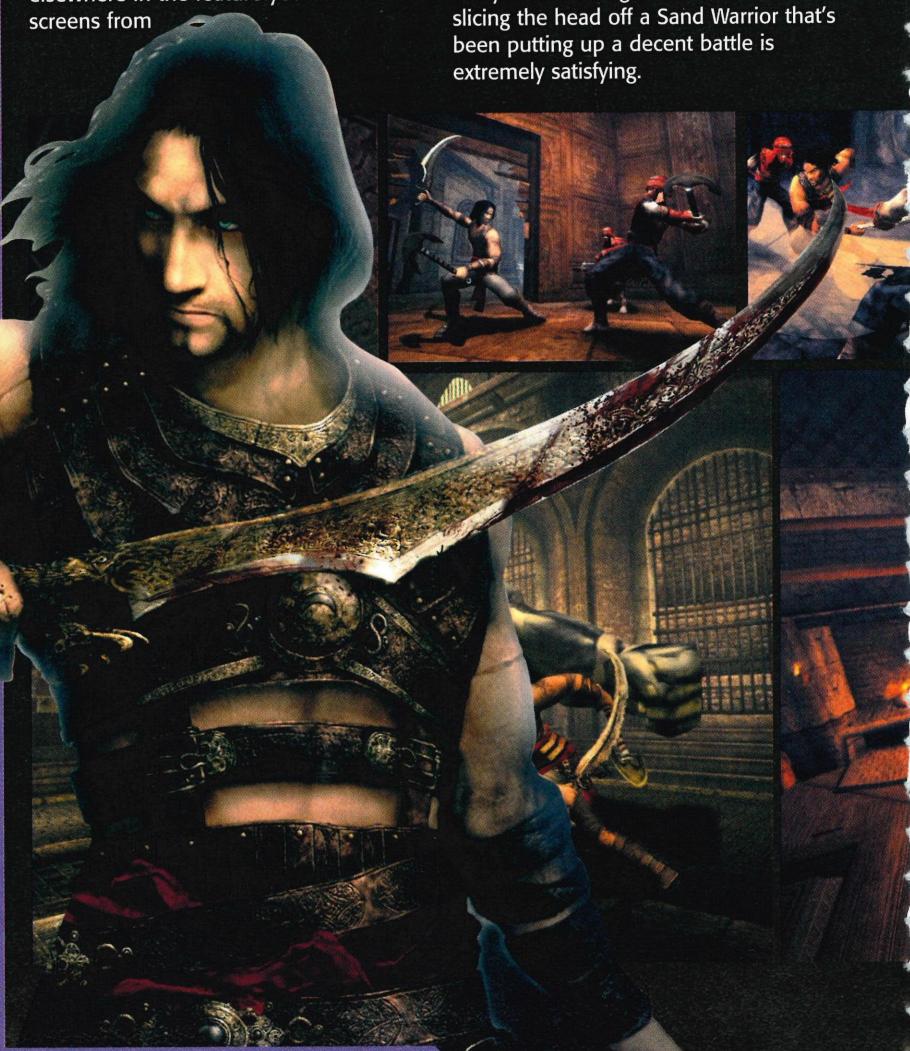
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version of the Balrog from *Lord Of The Rings*, that travels round in a black hole) – the only way to save your life is to go back in time and prevent the Sands of Time from ever being created. With this done the death-bringer will never appear.

The start of the game sees you sailing to the island where the Empress of Time dwells, and this is the level that we've all seen. It's a very strong start to the game, what with the flame effects, the rain, the rocking boat and all those enemies. It only gets better from here though. It turns out that stopping the creation of the Sands of Time isn't going to be quite that simple after all, and you'll have to explore three towers (Mechanical, Garden and Weapon Towers) in order to unlock the gate to your goal (the Central Tower). Ubisoft is still being very secretive (come on guys, the game's out in two months!) but elsewhere in the feature you can see screens from

the Mechanical and Garden Towers.

Aside from the graphical improvements (which we'll go into a little later on), the biggest change comes with the combat, and it seems that 'Free-Form Fighting' is the buzzword this time around. The team are trying their best to distance themselves from similar style games that base their combat on mindless button bashing. Instead, *POP2*'s combat will be so varied that you'll be able to create your own individual style. There are many different types of enemy in the game, and the AI for each type is very different. Some enemies will walk along walls, some will fire projectiles, some will explode, and some will retreat, forcing you to chase them. There's no room for button bashing, as every enemy requires a different tactic, and enemies can only be finished off with certain moves. Overall though, the combat is more intricate and more elegant than before. You really feel like you're creating the combos, and slicing the head off a Sand Warrior that's been putting up a decent battle is extremely satisfying.



"COMBAT IS MORE INTRICATE AND MORE ELEGANT THAN BEFORE. YOU REALLY FEEL LIKE YOU'RE CREATING THE COMBOS"



As far as the graphics are concerned, the entire environment has become darker to fit in with the Prince's new attitude. It may also shock you to learn that the GameCube version is looking fantastic. Series producer Yanis Mallot even described it as "a little gem". While the PS2 version is improved over the original, the GameCube and Xbox versions absolutely shine, coming as they do with bump-mapped textures

and superb lighting dynamics.

Prince Of Persia 2 is one of those games that'll you simply have to play regardless of whether or not you buy it. It improves on the original in every way, has a fantastic storyline, and actually takes advantage of the GameCube's abilities. With *Pikmin 2* in October, *Paper Mario 2* and *Metroid Prime 2* in November and this in December, the next few months are sorted.

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IN THE CUBE WITH... JEAN-CHRISTOPHE GUYOT

POSITION: CREATIVE DIRECTOR
COMPANY: UBISOFT



CUBE: Can you tell us a bit about the enemies and the combat system?

JG: To have a very deep combat system, we need to offer players a large variety of enemies. Every enemy will have distinctive strategies: the ones that try to keep away from the Prince will require chasing, the small ones will swarm around you, some will run on walls, some will generate smaller enemies, some will explode, some will attack from far with projectiles, some will be sneaky and acrobatic, etc... Even standard fighting enemies will require the player to perform special techniques, depending of what kind of attack they can block or not.

Some enemies will have synchronized attack patterns. As their gameplay is distinctive, combining them is what brings the spice in the game. For example, after having beaten a standard fighter and a long range enemy separately, you'll have to fight them together...

CUBE: How does the Free-Form Fighting affect the gameplay?

JG: There are many options offered by the Free-Form Fighting system and it will be up to the player to define his own style in combat. Combat is definitely the main focus of this sequel and we want a lot of diversity and a real freedom. We want to bring movement into the fight sequences. For example, if the prince stays surrounded he will have a very hard time. He will have to use his acrobatics to escape from the circle of enemies and then attack them.

Depending of the enemy type, some attacks may or may not work. An enemy that blocks all regular "square button" attacks will require the player to go airborne over him or to grab him, or to use the environment, or a secondary weapon, or time powers.

Finally, the combat system is done in a way that after some beating, the enemies will enter a weakened state, then the player will have to perform special actions to finish them spectacularly: this helps preventing the "only one button" gameplay style. Heads will fly, bodies will be cut in half, both vertically and horizontally, you'll be able to strangle your opponents. Also when you throw a weapon on an enemy it will pierce him and remain in his body, leaving him harmless for a while.

CUBE: Can enemies be used to solve puzzles in the game?

JG: Yes, in several ways. First, of course, you can be fighting while solving a puzzle, but also you will be required to use the enemy to perform a given task. For example, one of the enemies "explodes" when he's killed, and you'll be able to use him to destroy things and by doing so you will resolve a puzzle...

INTRODUCING...

THE WARRIORS OF TIME

Ubisoft has at last told us a little bit about the characters that you'll meet in the game, so here's everything we have:

The Old Man

Unnaturally old and wise beyond his years. The King sought him out to look after and bring up his son the Prince. He is the Prince's mentor.

The Dahaka

A supernatural guardian of the Timeline. This immortal being lives in a black hole, but is incapable of travelling through water...



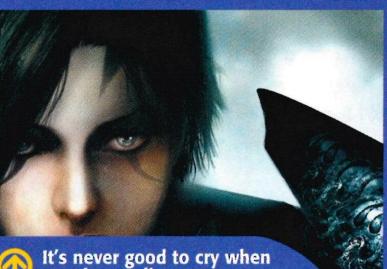
You're not scaring us, all in shadow. Um, mummy!

Empress of Time

Created eons ago by the Gods, she carries part of the Timeline within her and is extremely powerful. Knows how she will die and will do anything to prevent that event from occurring.

Shahdee

This ferocious servant of the Empress is charged with stopping the Prince from reaching the Island of Time. However, she has come to hate her maker and secretly schemes to kill her.



It's never good to cry when wearing eyeliner.



CUBE SAYS...

FIRST IMPRESSION

■ After the complete farce that was the *POP/BG&E* PS2 exclusivity it's nice to see Ubisoft not only planning on releasing the GameCube version on time, but also pushing the machine on a technical level. Yanis Mallot is very proud of how the GameCube version is coming along, and he has every right to be. Come December you'll need to have this game. Ask Santa for it.

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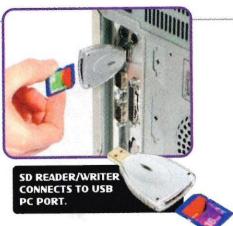
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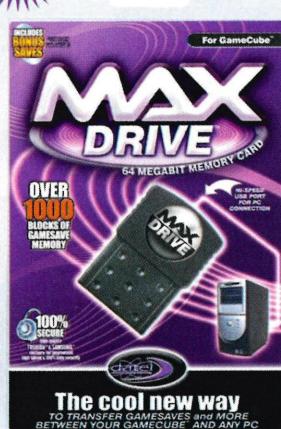
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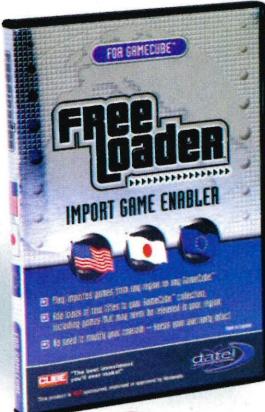
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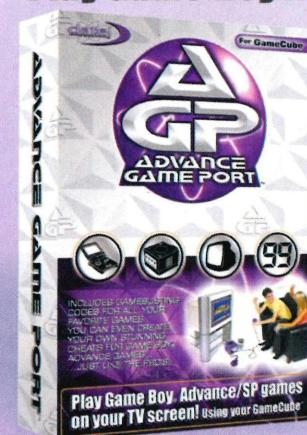
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REVIEWS

TOO... MANY... GAMES! Every September of every year we get inundated with new releases. We know it's coming, and you'd have thought that we would plan things a little better, but no: we still end up desperately trying to play through a dozen games in the space of three weeks so that you can read about them before they're sneaked into the shops. We can't have you unintentionally buying crap games now can we?

We've got three first-party titles for you. Sorry, we know that doesn't make your lives very easy, but like us, you knew this time was coming. It doesn't stop there though because all the EA titles this month are damned fine as well, especially *Def Jam*. Prepare yourself though because next month you've got *Zelda: Four Swords Adventures*, *THUG2*, *NFS Underground 2*, *LOTR: The Third Age*, *Virtua Quest*, *Paper Mario 2* and *Street Racing Syndicate*. This year's Q4 line-up is phenomenal, possibly the strongest ever, and if

Nintendo markets properly this season that changes its UK.

CHANDRA NAIR

DONKEY KONGA



It's on the bag, it's on the cover and it's on the Video Disc, and there's a very good reason for that: it's great. Check out the exclusive PAL review right here for all the information from the European version.

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CUBISTS

MILES GUTTERY



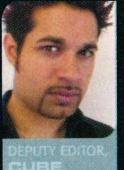
FOR ME, MILES has always been an inspiration. A true gentleman and the sort of person you'd follow over the top and into battle. What a fellow, yeah, I hope my kids turn out like him, for real!

TIM EMPEY



ASIDE FROM THE bad taste in rock, ignoring his cowboys boots, and by choosing not to hear the requests for cups of tea (which he never gets, not from me anyway), he's good, bought me a pint.

CHANDRA NAIR



WHAT, YOU WANT me to be polite? Hang on a sec... (five minutes later)... his taste in music sucks, and his opinion on what makes a good haircut leaves a lot to be desired, but you've got to love him I guess.

LIZ MORRIS



FOR STARTERS HE gave me a job so I can afford to eat occasionally and he doesn't let things like fashion or taste dictate his life. But who are we kidding? Chandra's the boss of everyone...

RYAN KING



HAVING ONLY JUST got here and been given no time to get to know Miles, before getting swamped under tons of work. I've already been insulted by him and he's given me the worst chair... I'd say yeah, he's okay.

LEWIS SOMERSCALES



MILES WHO? IS that the guy who sits next to me? He keeps calling me Steph then apologising and crying. Strange. That's why I keep my headphones on all day. It's best for all concerned, I feel.



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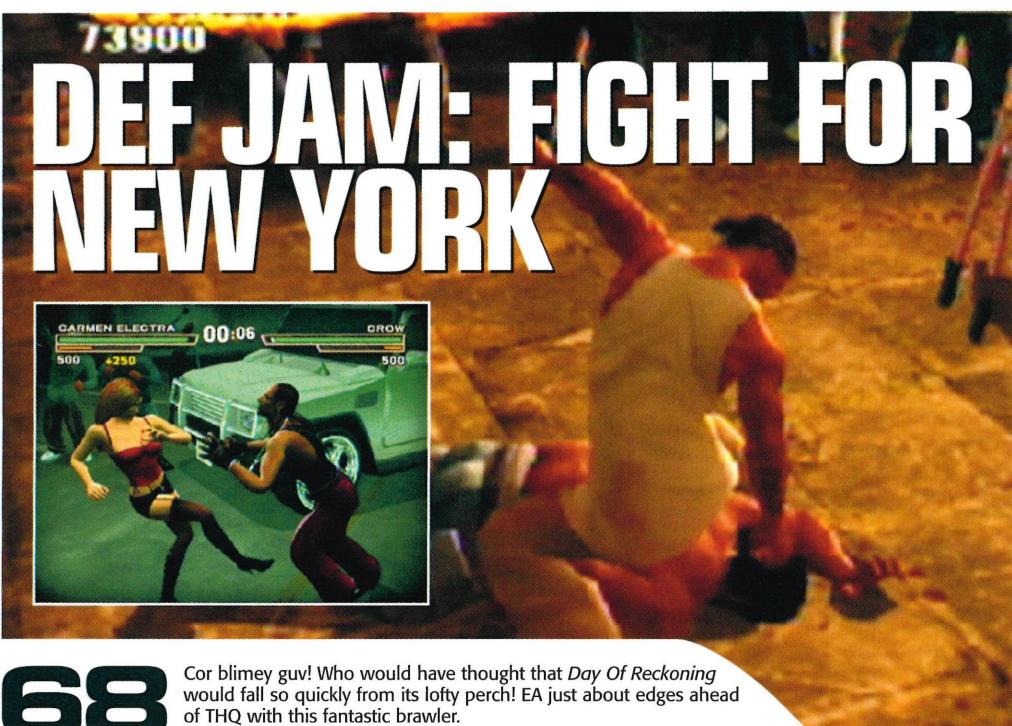


PIKMIN 2

70 It was phenomenal in Japanese and it's just as good in English. The little people are unleashed in the UK!

TERMINATOR 3: THE REDEMPTION

74 We never really held out much hope for this one. The final codes has moments where it's nearly good... but not quite good enough.



68

Cor blimey guy! Who would have thought that *Day Of Reckoning* would fall so quickly from its lofty perch! EA just about edges ahead of THQ with this fantastic brawler.

WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

If you're feeling a bit daunted by all the information we've got on offer, don't panic - it's pretty easy to find what you need once you know where it all is...

INFORMATION

This is the place to look for all the essential statistics on the game including release dates, players, publisher, developer and whether or not you can watch movies of the game in action on TotalGames.Net.

COMMENT

The reviewer's frank and honest opinions on what he or she thinks of the game will be right here. You'll be needing this to make up your own mind...



BOXOUTS

If you want more detailed information on what the game's all about, or hot tips on some of the tougher bits, the wide selection of boxouts are ideal for you.

2ND OPINIONS

If you're still not one hundred per cent sure whether you're going to take one expert's opinion, you'll find an alternative point of view right here.

ALTERNATIVES

Obviously, not every game will be to your taste so if there are titles that might be of interest instead, they'll be outlined here for you to think about.

TIGER WOODS PGA TOUR 2005

76 Well what do you want us to say? It was superb last year, and surprise-surprise it's superb this year. But, you know, it's golf, innit?

ANIMAL CROSSING

78 It's testament to the magic in this game that all this time after the Japanese launch, we still love it. Fantastic.

NHL 2005

80 Okay, we're bored now. Another EA Sports title, and guess what: it's really good. What do you want us to say? Ice, pucks, yadda-yadda.

TALES OF SYMPHONIA (US)

82 We really enjoyed the Japanese version of this game, but alas, the English translation reveals a less-than-stellar storyline.

POWER PRO BASEBALL 11 (JAP)

84 So there's been 11 of them you say? And they're good but they haven't really changed that much over the years you say?

GPX CYBER FORMULA (JAP)

86 When you're coming out on a format that has the likes of F-Zero and XGRA, you have to do something special. GPX doesn't.

THE BREAKDOWN

Sure, every game gets a rating but do they really mean anything? Of course they do - here's a detailed look at what we're saying in those all-important numbers...

RATING 9.0 OR ABOVE

Naturally, games scoring a 9.0 or over are well worth your hard-earned cash... otherwise they wouldn't score so highly. Hey, we're professionals - give us a bit of credibility here, okay?

RATING 7.5 > 8.9

Although they haven't quite made it to the dizzy heights of greatness, games with this kind of score are still worthy of your attention and will no doubt keep you happy for a fair old while.

RATING 5.0 > 7.4

Yep, it's that tricky middle ground that a lot of games walk. With 5.0 branding a game decidedly average, scoring up to 7.4 means you might want to try it if you're into that sort of thing.

RATING 2.5 > 4.9

If your granny gets you a game with a score like this, it's probably because she doesn't know any better... or you just didn't tell her what you actually wanted. It's all your own fault really.

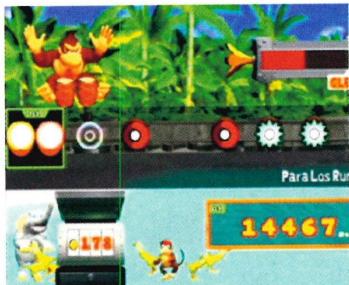
RATING 0.0 > 2.4

It's a sad fact that we have to review games this far down the scale but it's for your own good. Otherwise, you might actually go out and buy one of them. Shame on you!



CALLUSES

Make sure you get your hands ready for the bang-a-thon at the end of the multiplayer games.



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INFORMATION

DONKEY KONGA

PUBLISHER: NINTENDO

DEVELOPER: NAMCO

PRICE: £59.99

ORIGIN: JAPAN

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 3

STATS

■ 31 ALL-NEW SONGS

■ BONGOS

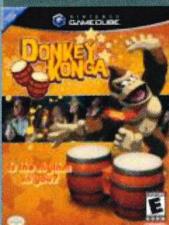
■ NEW PLAYLIST

■ MONKEYS!

OUT NOW

TBA

OUT NOW



It's bangin'

feel
the beat!!



CUBE
STAR
GAME

Challenge
Duet
Monkey

After both players have entered, press



Finally, UK gamers get to bang their chests... uh, drums with joy



DONKEY

OKAY, it's kind of difficult to write this review. See, we've already dedicated six pages to this game back in Issue 28 when we reviewed the Japanese version. This usually wouldn't be much of a problem as when we're blessed with a European release there's so much more of the game to discover... but *Donkey Konga* isn't like that. Nope, once you've banged the drum once, it's safe to say that things aren't going to change. Of course, this doesn't mean that the game isn't glorious. *Tetris* didn't become dull after rotating the first block, after all.

You should know this by now, but the idea of *Donkey Konga* is to bang the supplied bongo drums in time to music. To do this, the game presents you with a scrolling timeline that gives you visual cues, telling you whether to bang the left drum, strike the right, pound both at the same time, or clap your hands. (Or if you're anything like us, and don't want to sting your delicate handies, knock the side of the drums.) It's simple enough to allow any limb-advantaged player to immediately start playing, and this is where the genius lies. If you're the sort of gamer who spends £36 on

importing action figures that were given free with packets of prawn crackers in Japan, wastes countless hours tackling text-heavy RPGs in a language you don't understand, notebook in hand, likes to think that your average Square storyline is in any way profound and would rather listen to a video game OST than, y'know, 'proper' music then, well we don't like to pass judgement, but this is a social game. Like... it involves other people. In the same room. At the same time. They might even talk to each other. Look, we admire your dedication to videogames, but there's a whole world

SATURDAY NIGHT IN: If you've got no friends, then don't worry – Nintendo have included bots for you to play the multiplayer modes with.



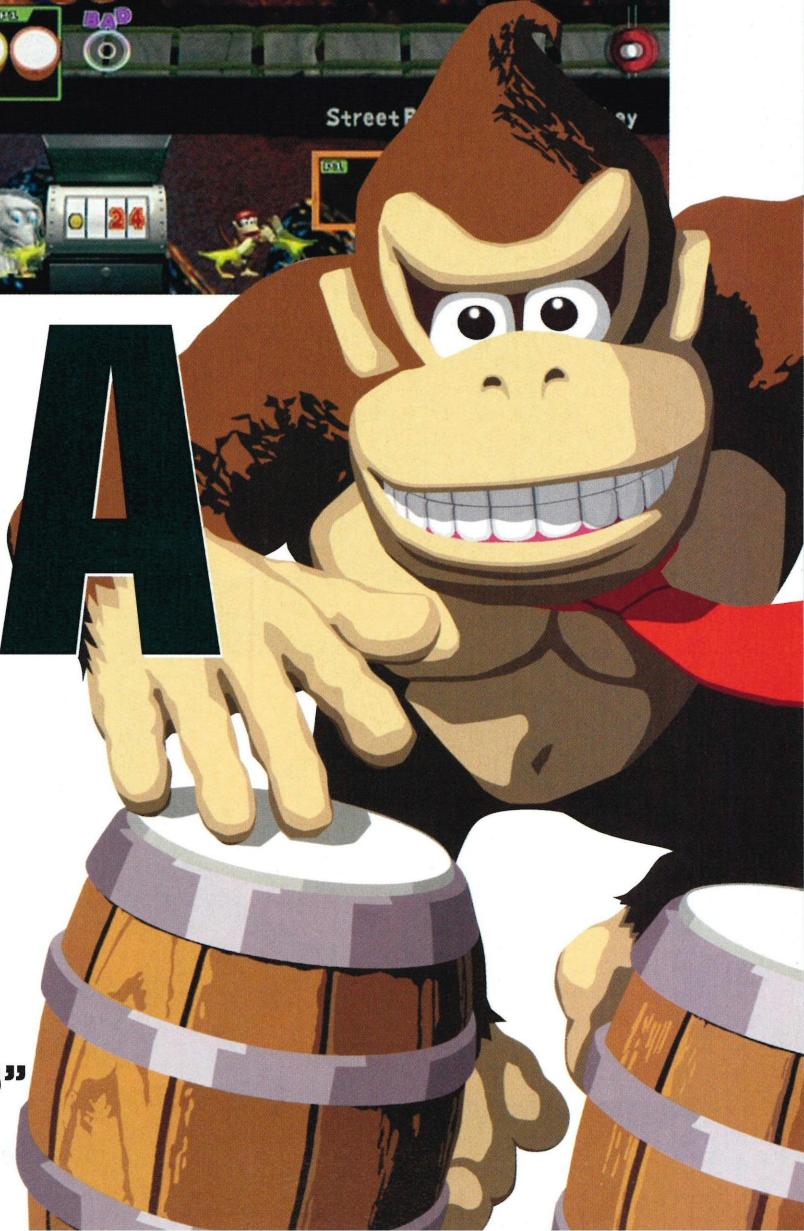
KONGA

out there just waiting to be discovered. And yeah, some soundtracks are fantastic – *Chrono Trigger* springs to mind quickly. But... oh? Sorry. Back to the review.

Donkey Konga can be played by itself, sure, and it's a hell of a lot of fun, but we recommend that more than one player dons the bongos. See, when the different symbols scroll across the screen, signifying that your hands need to get busy, it's so much

better when you're not the only person doing it. With up to four people, your drum hits will sometimes blend into each other, and other times dance in and out of each other's bars, creating a kinetic, tapping energy that's impossible to bemoan. You'll notice that the person sitting next to you will clap his hands as your left drum rolling takes a split-second break, and just as you start banging again somebody else will need to strike both of theirs at the

"WE RECOMMEND MORE THAN ONE PLAYER DONS THE BONGOS"





MUSIC REACH

MUSIC SOUNDS BETTER WITH YOU

Here's the list of all the songs present in *Donkey Konga*. Some will be available from the start, but the really interesting ones have to be unlocked using the coins you earn every time you play the one player game.

1. Lady Marmalade
2. Canned Heat
3. Don't Stop Me Now
4. Alright
5. The Locomotion
6. Dancing In The Street
7. Para Los Rumberos
8. Sing, Sing, Sing (With A Swing)
9. You Can't Hurry Love
10. All The Small Things
11. Oye Como Va
12. Louie Louie
13. 99 Red Balloons
14. The Impression That I Get
15. Busy Child
16. Tubthumping
17. I Want You Back
18. Cosmic Girl
19. Richard III
20. Wild Thing
21. September
22. Back For Good
23. Hungarian Dance #5 in G Minor
24. Turkish March
25. Super Mario Bros Theme
26. Donkey Kong Country Theme
27. Legend Of Zelda Theme
28. Rainbow Cruise
29. Super Smash Bros Melee Opening
30. Donkey Konga Theme
31. DK Rap

As you can see, the roster is wildly different to the Japanese release, so whether you buy this version is all down to which you prefer. But what's this? Nintendo, it seems, are too stingy to shell out for some licences! That's right – if you were looking forward to drumming along to Gary Barlow in *Back For Good*, or out-hairing Brian May then you're in for a disappointment. Instead you'll have to tap along to some two-bit impostor. For goodness sake, every other music game has managed to provide us with the real thing – what is it with Nintendo? Ah well, the impostors aren't that bad really, it just feels a on the cheap side.



"All the small swings,
true care, truth brings."



GOT THE CLAPPERS

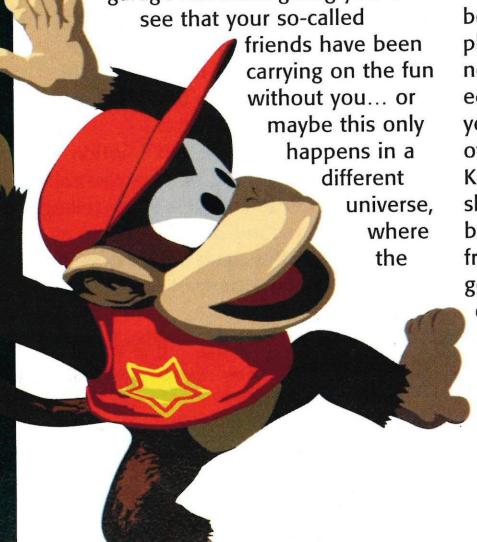
If your hands are getting tired from all that clapping, simply tap the side of the drums instead. Hey! We don't consider it cheating! You still have to move your hands about, like...

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same time. Then as you finish, someone else will take over the drum roll. And so it goes on, over and over until you get bored or have to make a hand-cream run to the garage. And then you'll get back, out of breath and only beginning to recover from the strange looks everybody else in the garage has been giving you to see that your so-called

friends have been carrying on the fun without you... or maybe this only happens in a different universe, where the

cast of Friends played videogames instead of sniping at each other in a hideously trendy coffee shop all day. The truth is that we don't know. We don't get to play games like that. We have to play them in an office and suffer the annoyance of people pausing the game every three minutes to check their email, or the TV mysteriously turning off, only for it to be revealed that somebody stole the plug socket so they could test out a new wireless hub or something equally as interesting. But even then – yes, even with these hassles and lack of video gaming atmosphere, *Donkey Konga* stands head and hairy shoulders above anything else that has been played in recent months. (Apart from Burnout 3, but we won't be getting that, because...) It's the original game that we reviewed nearly 10 months ago (holy... what the? Where did that go? Somebody could have had a baby in that



UNLOCK THIS: Not all of the songs are available at first. You'll need to get some practice in if you want to play along to pseudo-Kylie!



Non-stop action aplenty – one second you're hitting the one...

...then, wap! You attack the other, then clap! You, ah, have to clap.



amount of time. "Life is something that happens while you're busy making other plans." John Lennon couldn't sing for toffee, but he had his head screwed on when he said that (Get the hell on with it – Ed) and since then we've had the sequel, in Japan at least, which is much, MUCH better. But if you've not got a Freeloader, or can't handle the idea of going through menus in Japanese (c'mon, what's the matter with you? Too chicken?) then here it is. And it's as awesome as ever.

Actually, Donkey Konga isn't completely perfect. As well as the scrappy graphics (okay, they need to be simple to keep the game playable, but that doesn't excuse some of the woeful animation), when playing each other, at the end of a song you get to perform a massive drum roll, and no matter how well you've been doing, if the other player gets more hits in than you do at this point, they will win. End of. Unbalanced isn't the word for it. So

kids, remember: it's only a game. Don't take things too seriously. The only other complaint that could be levelled against this game is that it isn't like the Bemani dancing games in that you can always improve how you play. Because of its limited nature – bang drum, clap, bang drum, bang, bang, bang – you simply can't achieve the kind of uber-skills that lead to internet video downloads of 14-year-old girls successfully completing 300 BPM songs while standing on their heads. But what the hell – this is pure, simple enjoyment and if you have any love for videogames, and don't like to get bogged down with the kind of elitist nonsense that the industry has been plagued with since the average gamer found a voice through message boards, then buy this, make some friends, open a bottle of plonk and enjoy life for once. After all, we're not around for long, so stop complaining and make the most of it.

GARY

BEACH COMBING

ONCE UPON A TIME...

Believe it or not, there's actually a storyline in here. One fine day the Kongs are mincing about a deserted beach when they find a strange barrel washed up from the sea. Experimenting with it in the way that monkeys do (ie hitting it with things), they soon discover it to actually be a magical musical instrument that they soon christen the 'DK Bongos'. Obviously they then decide to start a band with the noble plan of becoming rich enough to afford all the bananas they could possibly want. It's up to you to end this story, and possibly Donkey and Diddy Kong's hearts a few years early by allowing them to achieve this ode to Elvis and his burgers by actually doing their job for them. Still, it wouldn't be as much fun if the game consisted of you sitting there watching a monkey learn rhythm, would it? Well thinking about it...



"DK STANDS HEAD AND SHOULDERS ABOVE ANYTHING PLAYED IN RECENT MONTHS."

CUBE VERDICT DONKEY KONGA

CLAP-HAPPY FUN



VISUALS

Simple and clear, but sometimes scrappy.



AUDIO

Ignoring the licensing issue, perfect!



GAMEPLAY

The best a monkey can get.



LIFESPAN

If you have friends, a very long time indeed.



ORIGINALITY

We're banking on you not having played *Taiko no Tatsujin*...

ALTERNATIVE

Like the first game, but with loads more to it. If you've got a freeloader, you're best off buying this instead.

DONKEY KONGA 2

Reviewed: 35

CUBE Rating: 9.2

2ND OPINION

GIMME SOME SKIN!

"Drum skin that is. I prefer the original songs though. Banging away to covers of Supergrass and Blink 182 doesn't feel right at all."

TIM

FINAL SCORE

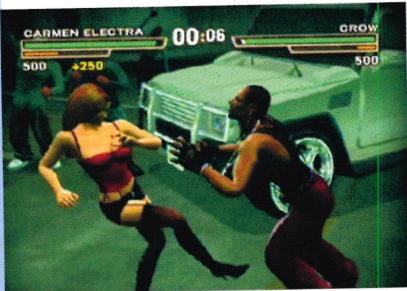
9.0

AMAZINGLY GOOD FUN,
BUT OVERSHADOWED BY
ITS SEQUEL



BLAZIN'

When you're Blazin' your character really doesn't hold back... that's gotta hurt *wince*.



CUBE

INFORMATION

DEF JAM: FIGHT FOR NEW YORK

PUBLISHER: EA

DEVELOPER: AKI

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: US

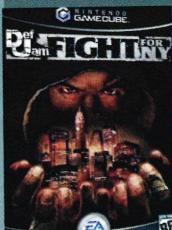
PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 8 BLOCKS

STATS

- NEARLY 70 STARS
- ABSOLUTELY BRUTAL MOVES
- 4-PLAYER BATTLING
- PLAY AS FLAVA FLAV!

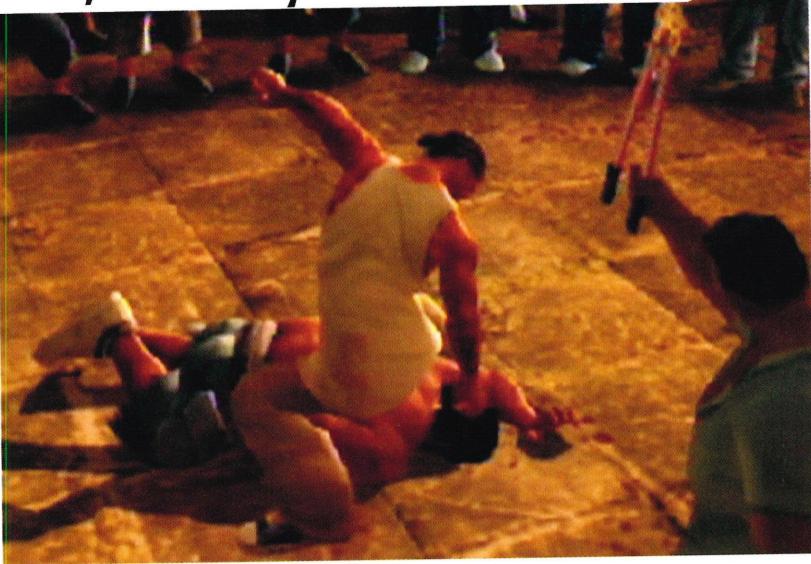
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Beat up Sean Paul as Flava Flav. Does it get any better?



Yes, the rhythm the rebel!



DEF JAM: FIGHT FOR NY

WITH THE Def Jam licence it would be very easy to dismiss this as some pappy rubbish. But don't. The first game was pretty damn good, but didn't set the world alight, but this will. It's faster, harder, dirtier, louder, and quite simply, the most brutal beat-'em-up we've ever had the joy of playing. In fact it's more than brutal – it's downright vicious. And smack our head repeatedly into an iron girder if it isn't fun. The set-up works much the same as Aki's other wrestling games. You can kick, punch, grapple, throw, jump and pull off the occasional special, all with the aim of pummelling your foe's energy bar down to the danger zone. Once you've done this, you have to KO your opponent, which is achieved either by smacking them round the face with a weapon, performing a Blazin' move (your Blazin' bar is filled a little every time you mix up your attacks or do something

special. Once Blazin' mode is activated, you have to grab your enemy and flick the θ-stick to pull off something nasty), a flying kick, a special move or via submission, where you break somebody's arm, leg or strangle them. It's a simple game at its heart, but the sheer amount of variety in the characters, the overwhelming number of attacks to learn and the typically flawless EA presentation makes this a game to remember.

But back to what we really want to talk about – the Blazin' moves. Ouch. You've not really played a beat-'em-up until you've seen somebody kicked in the back of their knees by a member of the watching crowd, causing them to bend outwards, their crotch meeting the end of an already swinging boot. And this isn't just a normal kick you know. The deliverer of this lowest of blows will take a step back, spring forwards and

really give it some. You can hear the wind whistling through his baggy jeans. And when it connects – first there's a cracking noise, then the receiver grunts and falls to his knees. And oh my God – his feet do that wiggling thing and his knee jerks about and his stomach crunches up. This is something only a male can relate to, but believe us, girls – it's realistic. All too realistic. And how about watching somebody first having both arms broken, then being roughly hauled up by what used to be their arms, then having their back broken over somebody's knee, so they tumble to the floor, then being kicked in the head with such ferocity that their neck snaps backwards. Or that one where their face is smashed into a chain-link fence over and over again, then as they slump forwards weeping, they're grabbed by the back of their head and their face is rubbed roughly across the

HOLD ME: When in a hold like this, tap any button as fast as you can to fill the bottom bar before the top bar runs out – otherwise you've lost the match!



IT'S GOOD

TO TALK

After every match you'll receive a load of messages, some acting as a story narrative, others giving you hints on how to get the most from the game. Try to ignore the blatant advertising...



Flavor – a rebel in his own mind, supporter of my rhyme...

...designed to scatter a line of suckers who claim I do crime.

fence, left and right, left and right, leaving bloody trails and a room full of grown men cringing while watching through their fingers. Really, we've never seen anything like it. It's just utterly, UTTERLY nasty. Even a simple move like being bottled in the face will make you question the work ethics of those who recorded the sound effects.

But enough of that – we know it's violent. There's more to the game than that. As well as looking absolutely, completely gorgeous (really, these screens do not do it justice at all, you need to see it with your own eyes) and sounding nasty, there are loads of features to play with. As hinted at earlier, you've got the crowd. Not only will they cheer and scream, but you can push – or indeed be pushed by – your victim into them, where they'll hold the person by their arms to give you an easier target. And they'll hand you weapons! Cheers! There's also the environments – you can smash people's heads into jukeboxes, throw them into lights, break their necks against girders, hold them against a car and knee them in the skull, leaving

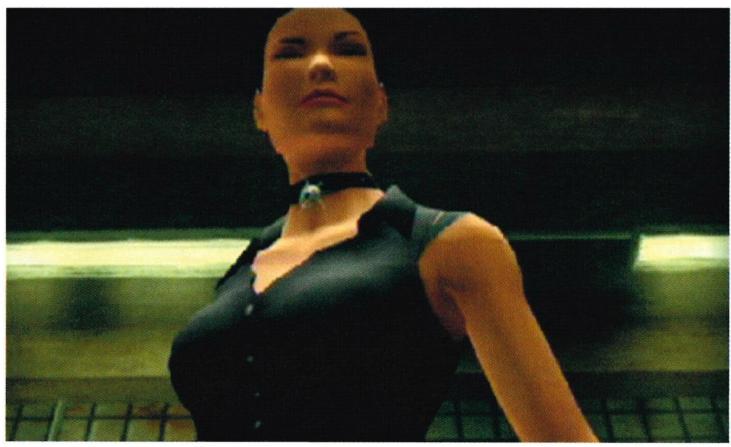
dents in the car bodywork, chuck them out of windows and under a train. You've also got a ton of multiplayer modes to play with up to four players, the usual create-a-fighter mode to mess around with, a massive selection of clothing, arenas and fighters to unlock (although there are no Run DMC-style Adidas tracksuits! Shocking...), four different fighting styles – street, wrestling, martial arts and kickboxing – and... and... oh you just know the review has been leading up to this epic moment... you can unlock and play as Flava Flav! OH YES. Because of the dispute between Def Jam and Public Enemy we weren't sure if you could... but he's there! With his clock! And when he enters Blazin' mode, while most people shout out ARRRGGHHH or something equally forgettable, well, you just know what Flava shouts out. Don't you? YEEAAAHH BOOYYYYYEEE! So, so awesome. Completely. The game is a marvellous one in its own right, but with the added Flava in there, you just have to buy this.

GARY

HEY LADIES!

THEY JUST WANNA HAVE FUN

As well as flatteringly-rendered versions of people like Ice-T, Method Man, Snoop Doggy Dog and so on and so forth, you've also got a selection of girls to play as, including the likes of Carmen Electra and Lil' Kim. These ladies are just as hard as their male counterparts, delivering all of the same painful kicks and arm-breaking holds without holding back. But, BUT, what's this? When you smash a bottle into a man's face he'll bleed. When you do the same to Carmen Electra her beautiful smooth skin will stay exactly so. Why is this? Are we the only ones who find this patronising? Now, hitting anybody is wrong. Violence, as Hari Seldon said, is the last refuge of the incompetent. But this is a videogame, you know... and if these ladies want to be in it then surely they've got to receive the same treatment as the men? We don't need to be told that hitting girls is wrong, and we don't need it to be insinuated that they're the weaker sex. Because if Lil' Kim delivering an uppercut to Ghostface Killah's balls is anything to go by, they most certainly aren't.



"WE'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT. IT'S JUST UTTERLY, UTTERLY NASTY"

CUBE VERDICT

DEF JAM: FFNY

⊕ FANTASTICALLY PAINFUL SMACKFEST



VISUALS

Rock solid, smooth as you like and so, so painful.



AUDIO

Lots of Def Jam samples and beats, and cartilage ripping effects.



GAMEPLAY

Occasionally frustrating, but never faulty.



LIFESPAN

The battle modes will keep you playing for hours.



ORIGINALITY

Wrestling with a twist. For a second time.

ALTERNATIVE



The first decent wrestler on the GameCube. But *Def Jam* is better... just.

WWE: DAY OF RECKONING

Reviewed: 36

CUBE Rating: 9.1

2ND OPINION

BUST IT! "Leaving out most of the actual wrestling but salving on so much violence and including Henry Rollins makes this more fun than *DOR*, boyeeeeee!"

TIM

FINAL SCORE

9-2

ACTUALLY, THIS IS THE BEST BRAWLER ON THE GAMECUBE



JUNK IT

There's loads of stuff that can be used to pay off your debt: polish, discs and fruit. Easy money!



Making good use of the...

PIKMIN 2

CUBE

INFORMATION

PIKMIN 2

PUBLISHER: NINTENDO

DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: JAPAN

PLAYERS: 1-2

MEMORY: 27 BLOCKS

STATS

- COOL PURPLE PIKMIN
- SCARY WHITE PIKMIN
- TWO PLAYER DEATHMATCH
- TAKES LONGER TO COMPLETE



OUT NOW



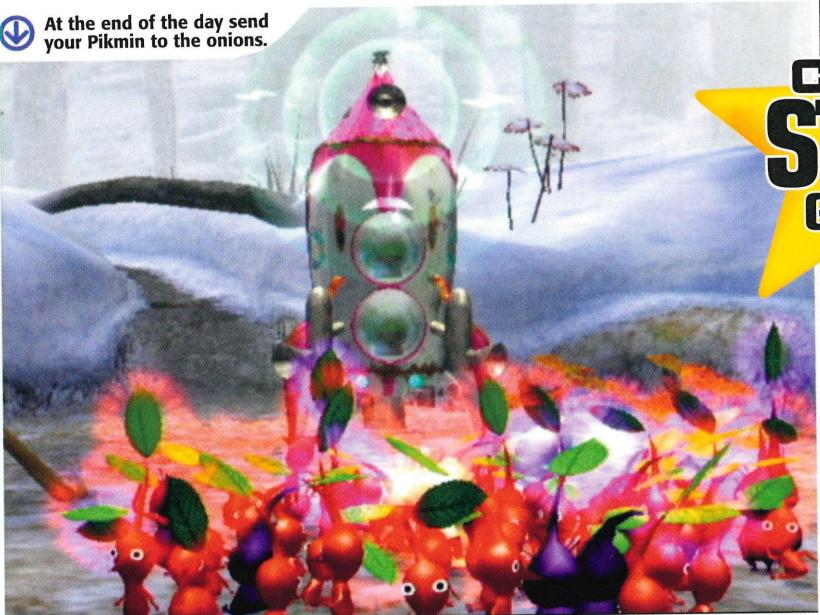
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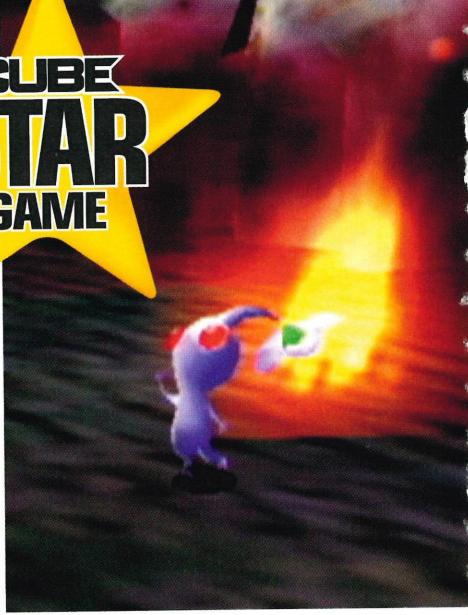
OUT NOW



At the end of the day send your Pikmin to the onions.



CUBE
STAR
GAME



Wonder how vegetarians feel after playing this.

...things that we find, things the everyday folk leave behind

GARDENING

sucks. All that planting, all the waiting thereafter and then the utter disappointment when you find out the birds have eaten all your seeds. So get off your mud-caked knees, take off those scratchy gardening gloves and come in, come in because there are much better things to do involving plants and wildlife right here on the GameCube.

The original *Pikmin* made you feel like a child, all wide-eyed and innocent. The concept of slavery never even entered your head because the wee *Pikmin* were always so happy to do your bidding – it was like growing your own friends. Which made it so hard to take when they were cruelly killed or accidentally drowned due to careless Θ-sticking. *Pikmin 2* differs – it's like when a pop princess releases her second album and describe it as 'more grown up and sexier', usually that means less clothes



EGGSTACY: If you see an egg, smash it open. The Pikmin will slurp down the yellow goop inside and sprout flowers from their heads, and it makes them run faster.



and more cleavage. In *Pikmin 2* it means small, white, gaseous Pikmin and big, fat kick-ass purple Pikmin. And that concept of slavery? That's right at the forefront of your mind due to the entirely capitalist nature of your mission...

After collecting all the ship parts (and getting the Good ending of course) Olimar returns to his planet home to find things are all messed up, fiscally. The intergalactic delivery company Olimar works for has gone bankrupt and even after they've sold Olimar's spaceship there's still the staggering debt of 10,000 Pokos to repay. So you and your fellow employee, Louie, fly back to the Pikmin planet in a rust bucket of a spaceship to collect 'treasure' to repay the debt.

This time you know what to do and you get on with harvesting Pikmin straight away. You quickly get to grips with switching between Olimar and Louie, multitasking effectively by having one taking down walls or completing bridges the other group is defeating and collecting the dead husks of enemies and creating even more Pikmin. Then you find a dungeon.

The levels are not just the beautiful

garden environments they appear to be – these levels have holes, dark holes, with nasties in them. They're also where the purple and white Pikmin live, where some of the best 'treasure' is and where some really nasty bosses lurk. And traps. Thankfully though before you enter a dungeon you can see what kind of traps there are and plan which Pikmin to take down there. But really, take them all, 100 of them. Because once you're down there you can't make any more and you'll lose most of what you take with you – it can be a harrowing experience. But in another of Nintendo's long line of user friendly interfaces, the game autosaves after each floor. Did you cock it up by say running all your blue Pikmin into a Fiery Blowhog? Never mind, just reset and attack it with reds, it's all very quick to load again and lets you tackle the dungeons floor by floor.

Some of the treasures you find, among the ship parts and the stuff that is purely for money, give you extra abilities. The Nintendo Love Tester for instance will

TAKE YOUR PIK

TWO NEW PIKMIN - ONE FAT, ONE THIN

New to *Pikmin*? Here's the breakdown – the Pikmin now come in five flavours:

Red: Your standard attack Pikmin. The only Pikmin that can withstand fire so use them for taking out fiery traps and fire breathing enemies. You always have loads of these.

Blue: The opposite of the Reds in that they don't start screaming when they touch water, they love the stuff. Take them through water to make bridges for other Pikmin.

Yellow: Lighter and weaker than the others but they deflect electricity like a rubber boot. You can also throw them slightly higher to reach higher ledges.

Purple: With the strength of 10 Pikmin these guys are the heavy weights. Great for carrying dead bodies and treasure, and for slapping the face off enemies.

White: The albino Pikmin are immune to poison. Even better though, when they die they release a cloud of poisonous gas that knocks off a considerable lump of an enemy's energy. They also dig up buried treasure.



"THE LEVELS ARE NOT JUST THE GARDENS THEY APPEAR TO BE"



HOW HARD?

PRETTY DAMN HARD

In the original *Pikmin* you had your 30 days to complete the game, but there's no such time limit here. Once you have enough Pokos you fly back to Olimar's home, only to be sent back to collect even more money. And then it gets really difficult. The dungeons get deeper until you're facing one with 15 floors that needs each type of Pikmin, so you take 33 of each hoping that there will be some flowers to transform your 'min into the purple and white ones. Of course, they all get slaughtered.

It's daunting, but it has to be done. Unfortunately we haven't done it yet. Tim, who is now writing in the third person and is feeling a bit funny about it, took home the NTSC version ages ago and still can't complete it. "Soon," he tells himself, "but at least I found that funny looking leaf." Remember kids winners don't use drugs.



WHO HE?

IT'S-A...

After paying off your debt you return to the Pikmin planet with your boss (errgh) as you set off to find Louie, who was accidentally left behind when you raced home to pay the bill.



CONTINUED

detect buried treasure – if the needle is in the red then get a load of white Pikmin over to that spot and they'll start scrabbling at the ground with their tiny claws until they unearth something. Later on there is a robotic arm to be attached and this lets you help your Pikmin beat things up from a slight distance rather than the Glasgow kiss that Olimar and Louie start off with.

Back to the slavery – it's not a criticism, just an observation – there is a sense of detachment from your legion (because they are many) of radishes. It's as if they have just become numbers this time, especially in the dungeons as you watch their population dwindle until you're unsure whether you'll be able kill the boss let alone have enough Pikmin to pick up the treasure the boss leaves behind. And when you've battled your way through seven floors only to find you're one Pikmin away from completing the dungeon by getting that

treasure back, it can be incredibly frustrating – still, reset, try again, maybe one less will get stomped/eaten/ripped apart like a jellybaby.

It's not always like that though. As you wander about the proper levels you start to notice those little details that make next-gen games so beautiful. Sunbeams pierce the leafy environments, the cruel, cruel water dapples innocently against the banks, dandelions lose their seeds if you brush past them, the seeds then get caught on updrafts and float off in their inevitable quest to impregnate the ground.

But if you don't use the extreme close-up view, which makes navigating very difficult so it doesn't get used much, you'll miss out on all the cuteness of the Pikmin themselves. They sing, they dance, they run as fast as their little legs can carry them, and when they are carrying something and you witness that funny Can-Can walk they do – your heart can melt. On a

MONTROUS: Because you and your Pikmin are only about three centimetres high – everything is your enemy, and some of them are bloody scary.



couple of occasions that we seemed to be racing them too, Olimar can run at a fair rate but there was one plucky red Pikmin looking at him as it kept the pace, looking up at him as if to say: "Yeah look at me, I'm am the coolest." So we threw him in a puddle.

Berries! Haven't mentioned the berries yet. Two types, one red, one purple, collect ten of them and you can spray your Pikmin with the red ones to make them run and work faster. The purple spray meanwhile freezes enemies for a brief period, but when you're faced with Pikmin chomping monsters everywhere, any advantage you can take is necessary. Of course using the two at the same

time does make taking out the larger monsters easier, but it can take a while to make new sprays.

Pikmin 2 is an infectious game, once you complete a dungeon or drag a piece of treasure back to your ship you have to find out what's next. Whether it takes you a day to figure out just how to get your yellow Pikmin past the water to that electric gate and then takes another day to actually do it, we're talking about serious sessions in front of the telly. But that's exactly what you want isn't it? Something to sink your teeth into, not something you play casually.

The fact that this is now in English doesn't matter too much – hence the same score as the import review – though it is nice to read all the information on the monsters and the everyday things that you find.

Pikmin 2 is full of strategy and resource management, it's just all wrapped up in Nintendo excellence.

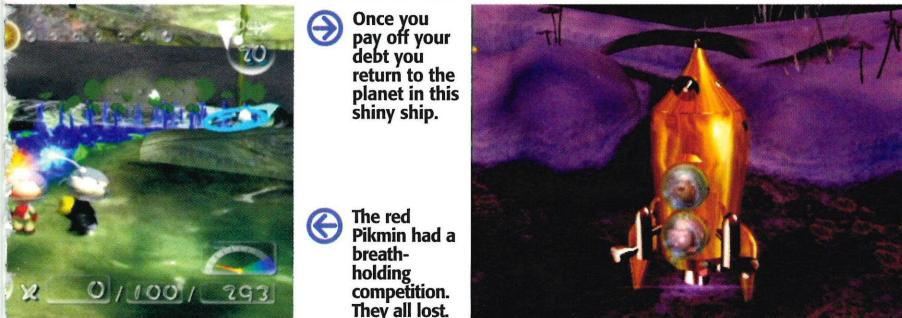
TIM

Olimar, king of the Pikmin, treats them like serfs too.



Once you pay off your debt you return to the planet in this shiny ship.

The red Pikmin had a breath-holding competition. They all lost.



MARBLE MADNESS

BRING A FRIEND, STEAL THEIR STUFF

Unfortunately the Story mode is not co-op but the challenge mode is! You and a mate can tackle a dungeon and try to clear it in the quickest time. You can do it on your own too, and if you get through them all without losing a single Pikmin then you'll unlock a special movie revealing how the company went bankrupt.

But friends fall out and fight, and Pikmin caters for hatred too. In the Versus mode you fight over marbles. You can win by taking five of the marbles dotted around the level or nab your mate's coloured one for an instant victory, if you can get it back to your Onion.



"BACK TO THE SLAVERY - THERE IS A SENSE OF DETACHMENT FROM YOUR LEGION (BECAUSE THEY ARE MANY) OF RADISHES"

CUBE VERDICT **PIKMIN 2**

STRATEGY WITH FLOWERS



VISUALS

How can radishes be so expressive? Gardens to make Titchmarsh proud.



AUDIO

They sing, they chirp, they squeal in pain, lovely.



GAMEPLAY

We plant the seed, nature grows the seed and a Bulblax eats the seed.



LIFESPAN

Clearing the debt takes long enough, but wait – there's more...



ORIGINALITY

It's a sequel but there's enough new stuff to make it differently better.



ALTERNATIVE

There's no other game on the GC to compare it to, and the sequel is even better.



PIKMIN

Reviewed: 7

2ND OPINION

HEY LOOK! "Tim isn't writing this! Anyway, I love *Pikmin*, but not as much as I love Cherry Coke. Coke adds life! (I could get the hang of this.)"

GARY

FINAL SCORE

9.3

SHOOTS RIGHT UP AND ROOTS YOU TO YOUR CONSOLE

CUBE Rating: 9.0

That's what we call a wake-up, er, call. Most people just have coffee...



No fate
but what
we make

CUBE

INFORMATION

TERMINATOR 3: THE REDEMPTION

PUBLISHER:	ATARI
DEVELOPER:	PARADIGM
PRICE:	£19.99
ORIGIN:	US
PLAYERS:	1-2
MEMORY:	4 BLOCKS

STATS

- PLAY IN THREE TIME PERIODS
- ARNIE'S LIKENESS AND VOICE
- 15 MIN OF VIDEO FOOTAGE
- DRIVE A RANGE OF VEHICLES



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SEPT '04



Come with us if
you want to save
your cash



IT'S NOT often a game leaves you with a nervous tick and the sensation of utter despair twitching in your guts at the prospect of having to play it again, but that's exactly how *Terminator 3: The Redemption* made us feel. Why, you might ask? Because this is possibly one of the most frustrating games we've ever had to play. Which is a shame, as on paper it looks like a winner.

At the beginning of the game you awaken in a strange room, with an even stranger chap staring at you. You learn John Connor is dead. You killed him. Oh. So. Cooooool. Okay, there's a tick in the 'good' box. Suddenly you're faced with post-apocalyptic Los Angeles, overrun by the machines. Awesome! It's every *Terminator* fans' dream. So far so good. But that's because the game hasn't started yet.

When the action does start, you quickly learn that this game is a bit on the crap side. Not that *Redemption* doesn't try and disguise this fact, with a brilliant first stage that sees Arnie blasting his way through an army of HKs and terminators, shooting their heads off, ripping their power-cells out with his bare fists and running them over with a jeep or, get this, a T-1. And this doesn't even begin to measure up to the thrill factor of playing as The Terminator himself. You can even make the big guy say a range of phrases on cue, like "talk to the hand", "fantastic" and, of course, "terminated". Great stuff. But once the novelty factor wears off, which it quickly does, you start to notice the game's many flaws.

First of all, the action is incredibly predictable. The same enemies pop up in exactly the same place, at the same time, each and every time you play a level – which you do frequently thanks

to *Redemption*'s misguided trial and error gameplay and sloppy control system. The main problem with this is there is little to no margin for error. For instance, on one stage you have to chase and catch the Terminatrix before she reaches John and Katherine. To do this, you need to take all the available short-cuts through the hillside or it's game over. Simple in theory, but the short-cuts aren't that easy to see – not only because you're driving at top speed, but because some are hidden behind bill-boards and others are just difficult to find because the backgrounds are so bland everything blurs into everything else (well, what do you expect for a budget title?). So you have to keep doing the level over and over again until you've found all the short-cuts and successfully navigated your way down the hillside without trashing your car. Yawn. And it's like that on every stage.

TERMINATOR 3: THE REDEMPTION



SHOCK WAVES: If you stamp on a terminator's power-cell, it will transfer the energy into Arnie's power-pack. Kind of like a rechargeable battery, only more nuclear.



BODY

PARTS

Just like in the movies, the more damage Arnie takes, the more of his endoskeleton is revealed. In one level, he prances about with no flesh on his arms. Ewww, infectious.



Shiny skeletons galore to blast away at.



After your car gets lasered to pieces you can jump on to one of the TIs, scoot about and shoot stuff

So you're against the clock, have a Terminatrix on your ass and you've got no idea what's going on. How can Paradigm possibly make this situation any worse? Oh yeah, they throw every enemy imaginable at you, give you limited health power-ups and a shoddy targeting system, which has a tendency to veer off aimlessly like your nanna's lazy eye. This wouldn't have been so bad if there was a targeting-lock system, but there isn't, so you have to continually wiggle the \triangle -stick to keep the enemy in sight, which isn't easy when the target keeps flitting about from one object to another. Argghhh. Sometimes it's easier to just keep your finger on the \square trigger and make a run for it. Totally boring and seriously painful on your index finger after a few rounds.

To make the situation even more annoying, you can only shoot certain enemies at certain times. For example, on one stage the Terminatrix keeps jumping onto the back of the car you're driving. You have to shoot her and then do a powerslide to shake her off the car. However, you can only attack her when she is standing fully on the car and has

activated her weapon. Then, and only then, are you able to shoot your gun. Oh, but get this, because you're driving a car the shoot function is no longer on the \square trigger – it's on the \diamond button. That's frustrating. Especially when it reverts back to the \square button half way through the level. Bah!

On a positive note, the challenges make clever use of the film's set-pieces, cutting seamlessly from movie footage to in-game action, and are varied in their style and content. One minute you're ploughing through SkyNet's base, driving tanks and shooting down HKs, and the next you're flying in a helicopter or trying to catch a SWAT van. As well as this, *Terminator* fans should revel in opportunity to take part in the fight against the machines in the post-Judgement Day world – something that we've only seen glimpses of in the films. And you get all of that for under £20. However, none of these elements are enough to redeem *Terminator 3: The Redemption* from its many faults. Ironic, considering the title.

LIZ

THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT

THANKS TO THE NUCLEAR WAR

Terminator 3: The Redemption does more than just follow the plotline of *Rise Of The Machines* – it gives players the opportunity to experience events that were only previously alluded to in the movie – such as the reprogramming of the T-800 after killing John Conner, and the subsequent journey to SkyNet to send the Terminator back in time. Players experience the world as it is after Judgement Day, as you're thrust straight into the heart of the action in the war against the machines. Totally awesome. As well as this, the game features an "alternate future", where the machines have won the war. Very creepy indeed, and something every *Terminator* fan has been begging for since 1984.



"DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN TO MEASURE UP TO THE THRILL FACTOR OF PLAYING AS THE TERMINATOR"

CUBE VERDICT

T3: REDEMPTION

LOOKS COOL, BUT TEDIOUS TO PLAY



VISUALS

It's very grey in places, but the character likenesses are great.



AUDIO

Limited in its range, but uses Arnie's real voice. Fan-tas-tic.



GAMEPLAY

Okay in short bursts, but the action can be repetitive and infuriating.



LIFESPAN

Once you've played it through, you won't come back.



ORIGINALITY

Good for a movie tie-in. Nice use of alternate future.

ALTERNATIVE

Save the USA from them pesky comm-u-nists by raising flags and shouting.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Reviewed: 24



CUBE Rating: 8.0

2ND OPINION

CYBER DAMN! "I told youse so. Oh the bliss of saying that, but I did in Issue 35 in the preview. I'm like a god or something."

TIM

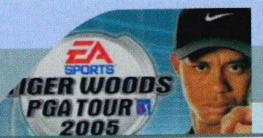
FINAL SCORE

6-0

SOME NICE IDEAS WRAPPED UP IN THE MOST INFURIATING GAME.

CUBE REVIEW

TIGER WOODS 2005



SLICE 'N' DICE

You know the drill – line up your shot, allow for the wind and BLAMMO!



LEGEND Level Achieved



CUBE

INFORMATION

TIGER WOODS PGA TOUR 2005

PUBLISHER: EA SPORTS

DEVELOPER: EA

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: US

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 26 BLOCKS

STATS

- LOADS OF REAL COURSES
- MAJOR BRANDS OF EQUIPMENT
- MANY TOURNAMENTS
- PLAY AS GOLFING LEGENDS



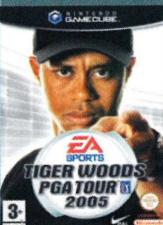
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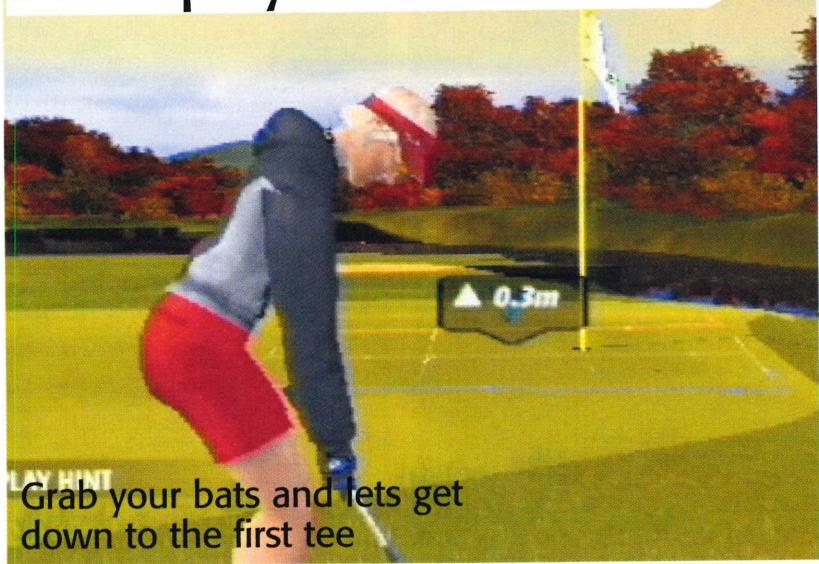
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Come play a round with us



Grab your bats and lets get down to the first tee

**CUBE
STAR
GAME**

TIGER WOODS PGA TOUR 2005

WHEN it comes to the beautiful game of golf, the people at EA really know how to put on a show. Right back from the early days of the SNES the *PGA Tour* golf games have always been market leaders and that is still very much the case now. Of course signing Tiger Woods to the franchise has made a huge impact as the world number one golfer is instantly recognisable anywhere and at only 29-years-of-age, there is plenty more to come from the talented golfing star. The latest addition to the franchise simply entitled *Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005* has everything you would expect from the

golf masters at EA and also a whole lot more to keep you entertained for hours, days and even all year until next year's update. Of course the game code is still very much like the previous games, and anyone who has played a *Tiger Woods* golf game will feel instantly at home. Those who remember *TW 2004* will know that EA left no stone unturned in their quest for gaming perfection and to think of the game getting any better is almost unthinkable. However once again the game has had a number of improvements and its fair to say that this is the most complete golf game ever

released. The graphics are extremely well presented, with bright colours and beautiful looking courses that are modelled on the real life fairways played by the pros. The control system is extremely well polished and several new ideas have been added to keep the game fresh and also enable greater control over the ball. You can still add extra power and spin to the ball, but now you can also alter the position of the ball in your stance to create more loft for getting up and over trees, or less loft to keep your drives down under extremely strong winds. Another addition to the gameplay

LETS GO CLUBBING: Almost every major golf equipment manufacturer is in the game including the latest gear from Nike, Callaway, Taylormade and Ping!

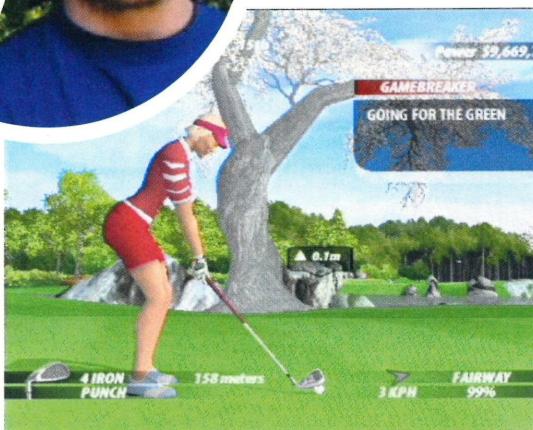


TROUSER SNAKE

Justin Timberlake manages to wriggle his way into everything including Janet Jackson's bra and even TW 2005. Find him hiding away and input the password to get your hands on the pop sensation.

Then make them stick their butts out and bend their knees.

Create your own courses to play on, and make them tough as you like.



is the inclusion of a new tour mode that increases the difficulty making it more like the real thing. When playing in tour mode your caddy will not offer hints for putting and it will be up to you to work out the roll of the green by using the grid. Even when playing in tour mode there is another new saviour to help you sink the ball from extremely long range. The Tiger Vision ability can only be used a few times during each round, but it basically pinpoints the exact spot to aim your marker to get the ball in the cup. This can be really handy when facing a 30 footer to save par or win a skin.

Of course all the items and equipment have been upgraded to include the latest clubs and almost every major brand is included for those that are extremely fussy about their bats. Sponsorship is still a major revenue earner and also those that have kept their save game from the previous version will receive an extra sponsorship bonus right from the start of the game. There are loads of different play modes again to test your skills including the Legend Tour where you face famous golfing characters in a matchplay tournament. These legends

include great players like Jack Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros and once you have defeated them they will become available to play with as often as you like. The game face personal character design feature has also had a major upgrade and this time around you can adjust just about everything including make up for lady golfers and even the complete swing that your golfer will use as he plays. Once again EA have done a superb job updating the best golf game ever and to be honest we doubt anyone else will ever come close to matching the playability and golfing know-how that has been put into this wonderful game! It remains very easy to pick up and play, but has so much depth that you will be entertained all the way around to the next instalment sometime next year. This is how all golf games should be and if you don't already own a copy, you should go and invest immediately! For those of you that have already got last year's title it is still worth buying just for the added extras and new features. Just like Tiger this is a world-beater of a golf game!

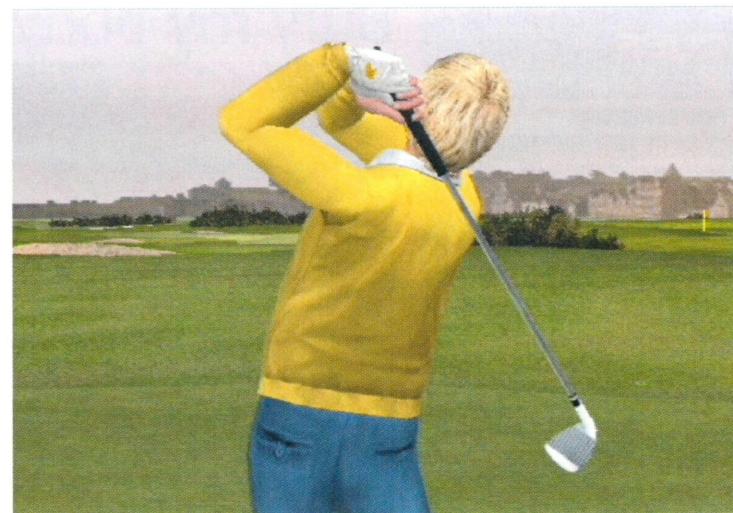
RUSS



TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE

CHARACTER CREATION AT ITS BEST

The Game Face mode on TW 2005 is by far the best we have ever seen. Characters can be designed to look exactly like yourself or friends and there are just so many options it can take at least half an hour to design your player. Ladies can have make-up including eyeliner and lip-gloss, plus you can alter their main assets to be as big or small as you want. Guys can have beards, wrinkles, laugh lines and even designer moles and piercings. You can of course choose to play as one of the characters in the game once they have been unlocked, but it is so much more fun to design your own.



"WE DOUBT ANYONE ELSE WILL EVER COME CLOSE TO MATCHING THE PLAYABILITY OF THIS"

CUBE VERDICT

TIGER WOODS 2005

SIMPLY THE BEST GOLF GAME EVER



VISUALS

Bright and colourful with superb detail on every course.



AUDIO

You can clearly hear the birds twitter and the boom of the big hits.



GAMEPLAY

Golf games do not get any better than this.



LIFESPAN

Loads of tournaments and challenges, plus real time events.



ORIGINALITY

It is every bit as good as TW 2004, but with added bells and whistles.

ALTERNATIVE

A fun golf game with Mario and all his friends, and a few of his enemies too!



MARIO GOLF TOADSTOOL TOUR

Reviewed: 25

CUBE Rating: 8.0

2ND OPINION

PHOAR! "The improvements may be slightly superficial but you can create practically everyone and every course... ever."

TIM

FINAL SCORE

9-1

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT GOLF GAMES CAN BETTER THIS



CUBE

INFORMATION

ANIMAL CROSSING

PUBLISHER: NINTENDO

DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: JAPAN

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 59 BLOCKS

STATS

■ PSEUDO-ONLINE SYSTEM

■ OVER 200 ANIMALS

■ GBA CONNECTIVITY

■ EXPRESS YOURSELF



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AGES AGO



OUT NOW



What do you get if you cross The Sims and Nintendo?



Bury my body



ANIMAL CROSSING

ANIMAL

Crossing... where do we start? The game is ancient – first seen on the N64 a few years ago, then onto the GameCube in Japan and the US then finally, after years of will it/won't it speculation, it's here. Hooray! But what have we got to celebrate for? Well, *Animal Crossing* is special. There's a reason for the numerous petitions for its release floating around the internet, and you could argue that the Freeloader's success was entirely down to this game. The idea, you see, is to live a virtual life in a small forest village among walking, talking animals. Hmm. Wait, don't turn the page, it's good,

honest! See, you start off with a tiny house and a huge debt, and you have to walk around selling items, digging up fossils, talking to your animal friends (who will leave town if you're not nice, but arrive in droves if your village obtains a favourable reputation), carry out simple favours for them, clean up weeds, plant and pick fruit... a million and one tasks that are required to keep everything running smoothly. The game is all about maintenance, and when you're keeping a town that you've spent four months shaping to your own personal vision ticking over, basic animal pride tears through any sense of logic. You know, that

nagging at the back of your head that insists that none of this matters – if you can't find a black sofa to go with your white tile floor, or nobody on the internet wants to swap a pear for an apricot with you – the world isn't going to stop spinning and we're not going to fly into the sun. What's that? Swapping over the internet? Yeah, you read right. Because Nintendo refuse to step into the future and you know, take us all into an online nirvana, a system has been put into place that works remarkably well. If you find somebody you wish to send a gift, then all you have to do is take the item to local entrepreneur Tom Nook, tell him whom

RED ROCK: Make sure you bang each rock every day with your spade – if one turns red it means you'll be 100 bells up! Blinging and dingin'!



DEEPER UNDERGROUND

DIG IT
You can tell if there's something exciting underground simply by looking at the floor. Look out for shining beams of light especially – these usually indicate expensive furniture or lots of bells.

Stand too close to the water and the fish'll get scared... d'oh!

All of the animals have a nickname for you, nutlet!?

Expensive Red Snappers can be found at the beach!

first month or two. And if you do let yourself slip, the animals aren't quick to let you forget either... and this must be the only game in existence that lambastes you if you fail to save your game before switching off your console.

And this is the secret to *AC*. Because it runs in real-time using the system clock, the village changes through time – even when you're not playing. During winter it'll snow, in autumn the floor will be littered with rotting leaves, on special holidays events will happen. It feels alive, and it's all the better if you've got someone to share it with. Problems occur when you're on your tod. You see, there's no end to *Animal Crossing*. You can keep playing, improving your house, buying new items, seeing what events occur, but eventually you realise what you're doing: spending virtual money on items that you really, really do not need. Not even in the game's universe, seeing as the items don't actually do anything. They just sit there, looking pretty. It's amazingly well-constructed, and for some a way of life, but it's also just like real life in some ways – not so much escapism, but enterism.

GARY

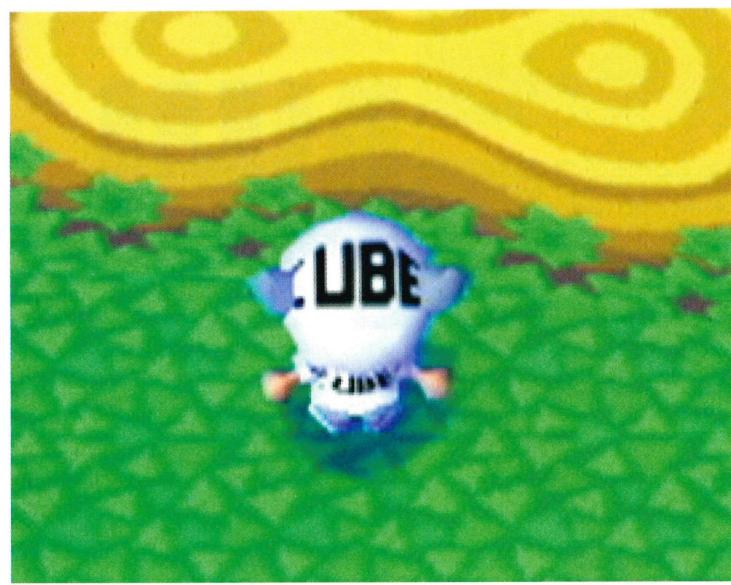
you're sending it to, along with their town name, and you receive a code. Hand the code out for them to type in, and they receive the item! Not only can you do this, but if you're trusting enough to send your memory card through Royal Mail, the person on the receiving end can slip it into their GameCube and visit your town! It almost feels as if you're doing it online.

If you want to get into *Animal Crossing* then you need to be prepared for some serious time investment. But we don't mean the whole RPG thing. This is more like looking after fish. After the playing-all-afternoon honeymoon, you'll probably spend half an hour every morning, maybe an hour at lunchtime to check your mail, see if anything unusual has washed up on the beach, and of course it doesn't hurt to run a few tasks in the evening. And this isn't taking the special occasions into account either – for instance, the fish and insects that only come out during certain times, or the time-triggered market openings and visiting animals who might have some rare items to trade. If you 'click' with *Animal Crossing*, don't be surprised to find yourself organising your real life around the game – at least for the

DESIGN FOR LIFE

WEAR THEM OUT

One of the most addictive aspects of *Animal Crossing* is the designing. Look out for the tailors, as you'll be able to bring up a simple paint-like program that enables you to create your very own patterns that you can paste onto shirts, umbrellas – even your own front door. But that isn't the best bit. If you put your design on display, and if it's good enough, pretty soon you'll notice your animal chums waddling around proudly showing off their latest threads. It's even more hilarious if you write rude words across the chest and you come across one of the bitchier types thinking they're all that... ha!



'DON'T BE SURPRISED TO FIND YOURSELF ORGANISING YOUR REAL LIFE AROUND THE GAME'

CUBE VERDICT ANIMAL CROSSING

PRETTY COOL ANIMAL LIFE-'EM-UP



VISUALS

Simple, sometimes scrappy, but you won't care.



AUDIO

As is always the way with Nintendo, the tunes can start to itch.



GAMEPLAY

Ranges from utterly addictive to complete waste of time.



LIFESPAN

It has the potential to last forever, but realistically, a few months.



ORIGINALITY

Well it's no boring old FPS, that's for sure.

ALTERNATIVE

It can get repetitive, but there's no end of people to meet and toys to play with.



REAL LIFE

Reviewed: The Bible

CUBE Rating: n/a

2ND OPINION

NOOKIE! "Bare with me... just got a few more ghosts to catch... oh what's the point? Bells, eh? Sod it I don't have time for this, for terminally ill people only."

TIM

FINAL SCORE

8-0

**GREAT FUN IF
EVERYONE ELSE
IS PLAYING**



PUCKLE UP

When in a face off, select your formation to make the most of the play and try to score.



CUBE

INFORMATION

NHL 2005

PUBLISHER: EA SPORTS

DEVELOPER: EA

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: US

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 32 BLOCKS

STATS

■ OPEN ICE PLAY

■ IMPROVED DYNASTY MODE

■ UPDATED STATS

■ BIG HEAD MODE



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EA skate in with all the usual updates



NHL 2005

EA certainly knows how to market a product. Who else can release a game based on a sport that few people follow, let alone play, in this country and yet manage to shift bucket-loads of units?

Whilst the *NHL* franchise has had a few bumps in the road trying to find its feet, it looks like *NHL 2005* has finally got it right. It's essentially a sim game that's accessible to the non-ice hockey aficionados thanks to its easy-to-use controls, good training mode and fairly forgiving gameplay. This isn't to say *NHL 2005* isn't without its faults – you won't get the most out of game without a deep knowledge of the sport. Which is a pity, as EA has clearly

tried its best to make this the finest ice-hockey game out there.

One of the notable improvements is the inclusion of Player Personalities. As its name suggests, each player has a unique personality that directly affects their game. Older players are more cautious and skilled, whilst younger players are aggressive and take riskier shots. Also, some players are better at certain shots, like the wrist shot, so learning the players' personalities and skills is vital.

However, despite EA's promises to the contrary, the players still tend to bunch together. This problem is made slightly easier with the inclusion of Open Ice, which allows you to take control of another player, so you can move up the rink and prepare to take the pass. Also, the Open Ice Support function calls players to you should you need some back-up. It's incredibly handy as it helps combat one of the problems from *NHL*

2004 – the inability to move into the opposition's half without kissing ice. In fact, *NHL 2005* is a lot more forgiving on this front, preferring to trap players against the boards rather than just turn-them-over, making the flow of the game much faster. This is also helped by the new "skate backwards" AI, which automatically turns the players around whenever needed, and the inclusion of the Deke button that makes handling the puck a lot easier.

That's if you can find the puck. It might just be the fact that we're old, but we found it very difficult to see at times. Some sort of highlight would have been appreciated. But apart from these niggles, there's very little to complain about *NHL 2005*. There's a good range of modes which have been tweaked so they're easier to understand and a fun Free 4 All option that's great to play against your mates. However, as obvious as this sounds, if you're not an ice-hockey fan you won't get much from this game and despite the improvements, *NHL 2005* isn't exactly groundbreaking. Still, *NHL* enthusiasts will no doubt trade in their copies of 2004 and snap this up.

LIZ

CUBE VERDICT NHL 2005

A TWERKED VERSION OF NHL 2004



VISUALS
Glossy and vibrant, with better player animations.



AUDIO
Good running commentary, but the soundtrack is too American rock.



GAMEPLAY
Smooth and fast with a nice blend of sim and arcade action.



LIFESPAN
It'll take ages to complete, you'll always come back for more.



ORIGINALITY
There's little to differentiate itself from 2004.

ALTERNATIVE

The only real alternative to EA's dictatorship and... well it's not much worse... or better.



NHL HITZ 2003

Reviewed: 14

CUBE Rating: 8.4

2ND OPINION

PUCK IT! "I just found this dull. You know because sports suck, especially American ones. Let them leave this over there."

TIM

FINAL SCORE

8.7

THE BEST ICE HOCKEY GAME YOU CAN GET, BUT IT'S STILL ICE HOCKEY.



People traffickers force immigrants to sell pirate DVDs on the streets

Source: FACT: The Federation Against Copyright Theft.



Piracy is a crime.
Report it: 0845 6034567



FIGHTERS READY

The squishy black things signify enemies on the world map. Run into them, then kill them.



Unfinished Symphonia

TALES OF SYMPHONIA

CUBE

INFORMATION

TALES OF SYMPHONIA

PUBLISHER: NAMCO

DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE

PRICE: £39.99

ORIGIN: JAPAN

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 3 BLOCKS

STATS

■ MULTIPLAYER RPG

■ INVENTIVE BATTLE SYSTEM

■ GOOD VOICE ACTING

■ NO RANDOM BATTLES



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We waited in anticipation while it was translated. Now, was it worth it?



AFTER OVER

a year of waiting and anticipating, and then waiting a bit more for the English language release, *Tales Of Symphonia* is here! And we can actually understand the story... sort of, ish. Better than that though, there's the battle system, the cooking, the AI, all those fiddly accessories and special attacks, in English! Unfortunately not long after loading it, everything turns out to be Just Alright and even A Bit Boring. Bugger.

Maybe it's just our exposure to the Jap version reviewed over 10 issues ago. Maybe it was what we were imagining was going on while the characters talked crazy to us. It could be that we were expecting too much – but then again, is it really too much to ask to be affected, amused and interested in the characters in an RPG? Of course not, look at *Final Fantasy X*, even *X2* to an extent. But here everyone seems so bland and innocuous that there's not much to latch on to.

The story reflects *Final Fantasy X* in that there's a Chosen One off to save the world by sacrificing herself, her friends rallying round to protect her on her

journey and you get lost in all the scarily religious overtones and other nonsense. But while Yuna, Tidus and chums genuinely made you feel for their plight (and their love for each other that cannot be) here Colette, Lloyd and Genis just don't conjure up that 'care' that you have for *FF*'s intriguing bunch. Another gripe is the fact you have to press **A** to advance the speech, this leads to very stilted conversations and ruins some of the dramatic moments.

And check out how linear it is. You're given a world to explore but if you don't go where you're supposed to there's nothing to do. Every time you think 'Ooo what's over there?' you're slapped back onto the world map with barely an explanation other than 'It's too dangerous to go there now'. Is it? Thanks for letting us decide.

Another problem is the old 'now what do I do?' one, on a few occasions – even after checking the Synopsis – you are left wondering and wandering about what to do/where to go to trigger the next conversation or event. And after you've scarred the map twice only to find you hadn't talked to a



ONE RING: The Sorcerer's Ring is the key to most of the puzzles. Its function can be changed depending on where you are and what the puzzles entail.



WHO'S THAT

BOY?
Meet Kratos, hard nosed mercenary and pretty handy with a sword. But will he turn out to be on the bad guys side? You betcha. Oh no, that's kinda spoilt it for you now hasn't it? Sorry.



Whine all you want, you're still sleeping outside.

seals that guard the Salvation and climb its to heaven in distant lands.

Long winded story bits, some with speech, others silent.

Exciting battles, but only the boss fights challenge you.



previously monosyllabic character, who this time decides to talk back, it can be very annoying.

Graphically *Tales* is as bland as its plot, with washed out pastels, lifeless scenery and a hideous world map populated by squidgy black things that signify enemies to fight.

Right the fighting, this might be *Tales'* saving grace. Rather than your standard turn-based fare you take control of Lloyd with his twin swords and go about hacking the enemy in real time! Three other NPCs (though if you do have friends over they can join in on the battles) provide assistance with magic, healing and some really explosive spells. As you progress more moves are unlocked and your capacity to juggle and really slaughter the enemy is upped. Eventually Unison Attacks become available which let all four characters take turns to attack an enemy – set these attacks properly and an extra powerful one is unleashed – very handy in boss fights. But after a while you'll notice that you don't really need to do anything other than press **A**. In the more difficult battles you can really unleash some

combos but as your special moves use up a vast amount of Technical Points it's not long before you're back to hacking away, trying to build up some more TP.

By way of distraction there are a few mini games to mess around with, but some of these don't even give you any prizes, rendering them worthless, not even as cute additions to the game.

The voice acting is pretty good, but you can't help but feel that something was lost in the translation especially when crass Americanisms pop into the conversations. It might have been a good idea to leave the Jap speech and just use subtitles. That would build more atmosphere and, hey it wouldn't have taken so long to release over here.

This review is pretty harsh – but check the score – it ain't that bad. If you love your RPGs then you probably imported the American release and completed it already (maybe even started again for the New Game +) but if you're new to this sort of thing – lots of text, twisty plots, stats and special attacks – then there are better and more interesting places to start.

TIM

JACKANORY

TELL US A STORY

Okay here goes: you play as Lloyd Irving, a pesky kid, not too bright but handy with swords, his friend Colette knows that she is the Chosen One and will regenerate the dying world of Sylvarant by unlocking the magic seals (not as in walruses) and turning into an angel. Unbeknownst to them Sylvarant has a parallel world called Tethe'alla and while Sylvarant dies Tethe'alla prospers. Both survive on the flow of Mana. With the unlocking of the seals Mana will start to flow back into Sylvarant, meanwhile with the loss of Mana Tethe'alla will begin to die.

As you go there are plenty more plot twists, actually the plot is completely flip-reversed – everything you thought was true turns out to be a lie and friends quickly become hated enemies. But the whole thing just isn't that engaging and so drawn out that it takes a lot of effort just to remain interested.



"SOMETHING WAS LOST IN THE TRANSLATION, THERE ARE PLENTY OF CRASS AMERICANISMS"

CUBE VERDICT

TALES OF SYMPHONIA

AN RPG WITH ADDED FRIENDSHIP



VISUALS

Cartoony, anime-ish not-quite-as-good-as-Naruto 2 graphics.



AUDIO

Dramatic score and the expected plinky tunes.



GAMEPLAY

The battle mechanic is great with lots to see and lots to fiddle with.



LIFESPAN

80 hours apparently, but longer if you KEEP FORGETTING TO HEAL!



ORIGINALITY

The third in the *Tales* series, but it's a new story and if *FF* can do it...

ALTERNATIVE



FINAL FANTASY: CC

Reviewed: 30

CUBE Rating: 9.0

2ND OPINION

BLADDERDASH! "It's not the best RPG around, but if you need something to curl up with during the winter months then this is a lot more fun than an old cushion."

GARY

FINAL SCORE

8.0

LONG Winded AND NOT ENTIRELY NECESSARY, BUT THE FIGHTING IS GOOD



IT'S A HOMER

Step up to the plate and give the ball some major league babbage for a Home Run!



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INFORMATION

POWERFUL PRO BASEBALL 11

PUBLISHER:	KONAMI
DEVELOPER:	IN-HOUSE
PRICE:	£49.99 (IMPORT)
ORIGIN:	JAPAN
PLAYERS:	1-2
MEMORY:	103 BLOCKS

STATS

- DETAILED MY LIFE CAREER MODE
- 12 DIFFERENT GAME MODES
- SIMPLE TO PLAY...
- BUT TOUGH TO GET GOOD AT



The world's favourite big-headed baseball players return



Swing, batter-batter-batter, swing



JIKKYU POWERFUL PRO BASEBALL 11

WHILE

we're more than used to being mistreated as PAL gamers – late arrivals, poor conversions and glaring omissions are all regular occurrences – it's always interesting to know why we won't be getting our hands on a particular title. Sometimes it's felt that the subject matter isn't appropriate, sometimes a game can be deemed 'too Japanese' (whatever that means) or occasionally, technical issues are blamed, such as the need for extensive translation. Before now, we've heard all of these arguments on their own but *Jikkyou Powerful Pro Baseball 11* could be one of the first titles we've

seen that does everything in its power not to be released outside of Japan.

The first thing that hits you about the game is its extremely odd style. The rounded, super-deformed players look great but when they bring in characters with realistically shaped heads with the same minimal features, it just looks very strange indeed. Generally though, the cute style is a great choice and it never fails to amaze you just how much character a collection of colourful spheres with eyes can actually have.

Actually playing a game is made very easy by a remarkably intuitive control system. Until you get a really good feel

for it, pitching is decidedly tougher than batting so it can get quite messy on the score front if your fielding isn't quite up to scratch. Once the ball is thrown, you have about a second to line up your bat with the ball marker, judge the distance and time your swing to belt the ball as far as possible. Since this basic shot isn't quite so powerful, there's a much harder risk shot, reducing your bat's sweet spot so it's about the same size as the ball and giving you the chance to absolutely slam one out of the park. Mechanics are simple but effective and while it can be quite difficult to actually get good at the game, the satisfaction of

SPOILED FOR CHOICE: From the front end there are some 12 different modes to sample – a slightly daunting prospect to say the least. At least one is the options menu...



MOVIE

TIME
The game's intro movie is among the best put together we've seen – misproportioned baseball stars go about their business while some crazy J-rock wails in the background. Awesome.

→ Yep... thought so, the screen is right – we do in fact rock... huh.

← Maybe Powerful Pro Baseball really did influence Rayman.



doing so is as great as any sporting title you'll come across.

You see, such are the depths of each aspect of the game that it can be rather tricky to work them out on your own until you know that they're there. Pitching, for example, may initially seem like a simple process (aim, throw ball, repeat) but you'll see the AI come out with all kinds of insane curve balls and power pitches which, with a little practice and patience, you too can pull off. Batting, by contrast, is simple and easy as we've made it sound. In theory, at least. It's purely a question of learning the game's timings and positions and adhering to them but once you get in the zone, the home runs can come thick and fast.

One of the biggest shames for any potential importer is just how text-heavy the My Life mode is. Going through strings of menus to create your ultimate player, you then get to play out – as the mode's name might suggest – his entire life. From extensive training to match day tension to building a rapport with other players and characters, this is easily one of the best career modes to find its way into a sports game but without a good knowledge of

the language, you'll find it nigh impossible to play, let alone do well. And herein lies the main problem for us poor PAL gamers.

There's no sense in shelling out your hard earned cash for a foreign game, half of which is more or less unplayable, even when the core game is as rock solid as this. Games like *Winning Eleven 6* make great import fodder simply because although they don't have a similar amount of text, it's easy just to drop into a game and sample all that it has to offer. While that isn't so much the case here, *Jikkyou Powerful Pro 11* is a great little game, of that there can be little or no doubt and being a sequel to a sequel to a sequel to a... well, you get the idea. Konami has had plenty of time to tweak the style, mechanics and content to be exactly as they want them. This is wonderfully evident in the finished product and while we can't wholeheartedly encourage you to run out and import the game purely on the grounds of how much you'll miss out on, it is something refreshingly different and enjoyable that is very unlikely to leave Japan.

LUKE

横浜スタジアム
Baystars homeground

SWING AND A MISS

IT'S NOT EASY PLAYING BASEBALL WITH THOSE STUBBY HANDS...

One of the strangest things about *Powerful Pro 11* is just how different the reality is from the impression it gives. Be it the colourful cuteness or the arcade feel, the game simply feels like it should be a pick-up-and-play sporting effort. The truth of the matter is that while it is fairly simple to master the basics, the odd style hides a worryingly deep array of moves, customisation options and strategies that – unless your Japanese is up to scratch – you're not even going to begin to dabble in. Still, if you get bored of being toasted by the terrifyingly good AI that is present at times, you can always just plug in another pad and make a friend as confused as you are...!



'THERE'S NO SENSE IN SHELLING OUT YOUR HARD EARNED CASH FOR A FOREIGN GAME'

CUBE VERDICT PRO BASEBALL 11

AN ENJOYABLE AND DEEP SPORTS TITLE



VISUALS

Cutesy all the way but stylish at the same time.



AUDIO

Chirpy tunes and some nice effects and speech.



GAMEPLAY

Solid and rewarding once you get the hang of it.



LIFESPAN

Plenty of modes to keep you playing.



ORIGINALITY

C'mon – there's an 11 in the title... it's a big clue.

ALTERNATIVE

The cheeky chimps are your only other real option for a cutesy baseball fix.



SUPER MONKEY BALL 2

Reviewed: 16

CUBE Rating: 9.1

2ND OPINION

STRIKE! "Get used to that word, as this is a devil to play at times and takes a while to get into. Still, if you actually understand baseball, then it's a great choice."

LIZ

FINAL SCORE

8-1

YOU WON'T GET THE MOST OUT OF IT BUT STILL A GREAT LAUGH



ANIME!

The intro sequence is fantastic. Shame the game isn't as good... ah well.



CUBE

INFORMATION

GPX CYBER FORMULA

PUBLISHER: SUNRISE

DEVELOPER: IN-HOUSE

PRICE: £59.99

ORIGIN: JAPAN

PLAYERS: 1-4

MEMORY: 01 BLOCK

STATS

FUTURISTIC VEHICLES

PLENTY OF COURSES

GREAT MUSIC

THOROUGH 'SHOP' FEATURE



TBA



OUT NOW



TBA



Anime license attempts to steal F-Zero's thunder... and fails.



The future's, erm... boring



GPX CY FORMU

WHAT IS

the point in giving a game a ridiculously long name? Maybe it's in order to fill up an otherwise bland and uninspired cover, or maybe it's just to make the game seem more impressive when nobody really cares about it. Sunrise, if you're listening (and indeed if you even understand what we're saying), may we advise you that the name *Shinseki GPX Cyber Formula: Road To The Evolution* *pause for breath* is just silly. In fact, the only reason we even

bothered getting this game in was because we had absolutely no idea what to expect.

Cyber Formula, as we affectionately call it, is a bit of an oddball. The game is actually an update to last year's PS2 game, and it sees you taking part in what Sunrise is trying to claim will be the future of racing. Basically the cars are F1 machines that have been aerodynamised (come on, that's gotta be a word, right?) to the max. Two fins here, four wings there, a huge spoiler,

oh, and some rockets. Yeah, that'll do nicely. The rockets give you access to short bursts of speed courtesy of a constantly recharging fuel gauge.

In a nutshell *Cyber Formula* is an arcade-style F1 game set in the future. Some of the tracks are based (albeit very loosely) on current F1 tracks, and some are completely fictional. You make your way through the different GPX Championships (nine in all), which work on a points system. Win the Championship and you'll win some

WHICH ONE?: There are plenty of teams and vehicles but the cars are so similar that it's hardly worth it. Still, they are nice and pointy though.



ON PARADE

The game has a Private Area in which you can look at your cars, buy card collections, listen to music and basically chill. Nice that.

Surely cars of the future will go faster than 600kmph?

The cars look a bit lame really. They need to be more chunky...

The rockets are for your Aero boost. Chocolatey...



BER LAR

money and various other goodies. Simple, see?

Initially *Cyber Formula* suffers from the same problems that games like *Ridge Racer* did (before you start screaming, we're not putting this game on a par with Namco's classic): the vehicles don't seem to be able to turn properly, and when they do powerslide it's totally uncontrollable. After a while you learn how to use them though. Every one of the dozens of vehicles works slightly differently, but they all work on a Drift or Aero system. The

Drift cars tend to slide out when you ease off the gas and turn sharply, whereas the Aero cars slide out when you open your Aerofoils (just tap □).

Cyber Formula's main problem though, is that it's not very exciting. The intro sequence takes on the form of an anime movie, and on the main option menu you can choose to watch a 10-minute episode of the cartoon series, which is really cool. It's high-octane, edge of your seat action as the cars scream around the track ramming into each other, sparks flying everywhere,

BRIGHT SUNSHINY DAY?

SO ERM... WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?

Sunrise Interactive then... who are they? Good question that, because the publisher has never released anything outside of Japan. It's one of those companies that makes a nice bit of money on its home turf by taking advantage of a good licence. *GPX Cyber Formula* is a successful little franchise that has spawned an anime cartoon series, cards, car models, soundtracks and videogames. A version of the game came out on the PS2 last year. Before that Sunrise brought out the *G-Breaker* series on PS2 and the *Harobots* series on Game Boy. Hey, they're well-known games those... or not.



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crashes left, right and centre... generally exciting stuff. So you start the game expecting just that, but the actual races fail to deliver on anything the movie suggests. Ramming into your opponents will only ever slow you down, and however hard you try, the most annoyance you can cause is forcing someone onto the grass and slowing them down. There are no energy bars, so you can't put anyone out of action. Something like *F-Zero* relies entirely on you being able to quite literally destroy your closest rival. *Cyber Formula* shows you your rival at the start of the race: there's little point though because you can't really hinder their progress and even if you could the cars aren't recognisable enough to plan an attack from distance. This is down to the choice of colours and textures, a problem which is mirrored in the track design as well. It's all just a bit...

"THE ACTUAL RACES FAIL TO DELIVER ON ANYTHING THE INTRO MOVIE SUGGESTS"



HEY YUMI!

LETS FACE THE MUSIC

Cyber Formula has a lovely little area that it likes to call the 'Private Area'. Possibly the best thing about this is that you can listen to every music track in the game, rather like you can in the *Street Fighter* titles. It's amazing how many games leave this option out, and we're especially pleased that Sunrise has included it because the tunes in this game are some of the strongest around. If you're a fan of *Ridge Racer*-esque compositions and classic anime tunes, you're going to love these. Two of the tracks are by Japan's very own Soul Twins, featuring Yumi Kakazu. Well, you'd know who she was if you lived in Japan anyway.



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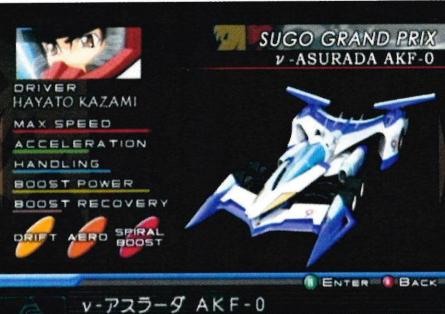
uninspired. Think *Driven* and you'll be

on the right track.

Saying that, the game does have its plus points. There's a great little 'Private Area' where you can buy cards, vehicles, new licences and new tunes. Speaking of the music, it's superb. Classic hardcore anime tracks mixed in with elements of techno and guitar riff based dance almost put it up there with the original *Ridge Racer* (and that's a massive compliment).

There is some fun to be had from playing this, and it generates a compelling desire to see what new tracks, cars and tunes you can unlock, but the racing itself is a pretty average affair. This being a racing game, it can only really get an average score. Import gamers would do well to pick this one up on the second-hand shelf, but there's no way we'd ever spend more than £25 on it.

CHANDRA



CUBE VERDICT

GPX CYBER FORMULA

AVERAGE FUTURISTIC RACER



VISUALS

Smooth, but dated. Could be done on the Dreamcast with ease.



AUDIO

Great anime-inspired music. Almost up there with *Ridge Racer*.



GAMEPLAY

The cars handle well once you learn how to control them...



LIFESPAN

It won't take you very long to get through all nine championships.



ORIGINALITY

Draws from *Ridge Racer* and *F-Zero* but doesn't do it nearly as well.

ALTERNATIVE

Stunning futuristic racer that leaves you breathless and completely wired.



F-ZERO GX

Reviewed: 33

CUBE Rating: 9.4

2ND OPINION

ERRRTTT! "GPX Cyber Formula starts off well but screeches quickly to a halt with the wonky controls and uninspiring gameplay."

TIM

FINAL SCORE

6.0

AVERAGE FUTURISTIC
RACER WITH
GREAT MUSIC

Quiet out, innit? Bizarrely desolate streets.





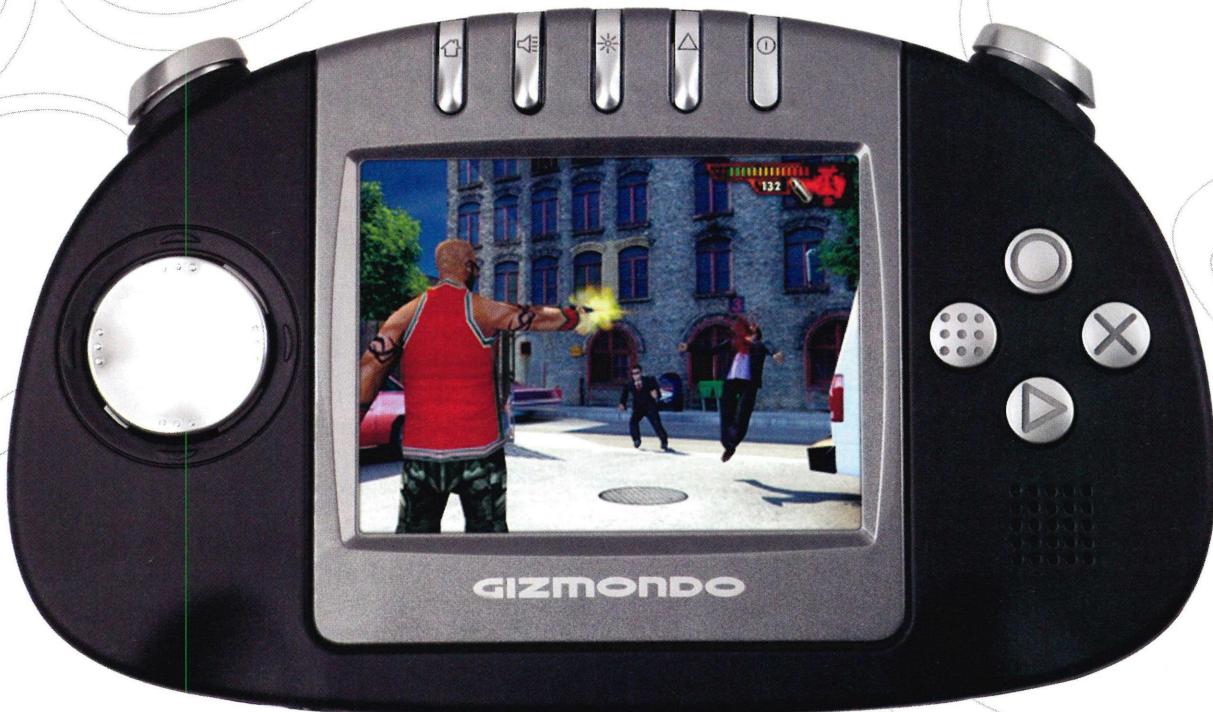
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Mr. Game Master
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VIEWPOINT

DON'T PUSH US 'COS WE'RE CLOSE TO THE EDGE,
WRITE US A NICE LONG LETTER INSTEAD.

No ranting, but a good mix of stuff this month. Isn't it nice when everybody gets along together?

READ ON!

FARMER PALMER

I am writing to ask about *Harvest Moon: It's A Wonderful Life* and *Friends Of Mineral Town*. When you said that by connecting and linking the two you could get items exclusively, I thought you meant you could get things like ore and seeds etc. Not that you could only trade items with Van or get recipes off Ruby or when you connect up the two you heard rumours or new events happened in either one of the two. Who else thinks that connecting the two games is a very long process or that it's unfair to give the Harvest Goddess eggs each time you want to link to the GameCube?

And another thing is why do you age in *Wonderful Life* but not in *Mineral Town*? Why do you only have one child and why doesn't anybody else get married or have kids? Why can't you continue playing *Wonderful Life* as your son when your character dies? Does your character die no matter who you marry? Does your son ever marry and is he always after Kate? Does he ever have kids? And if he does marry, what is the correct answer to give him when he

asks about Hugh and Kate? Why in both versions is there no school and why is there no church in *Wonderful Life*? Where are the social services like in *Sims*, when you go to festivals and work and leave your child home alone? Why don't your wife's family help out looking after your child? Why is the game sexist? Who said farmers had to be men and when you have a child why is it always a boy? Where do you get the lettuce for the salad recipe Muffy gives you? What do you do with Sugar and hap ore (?), are they edible? Why do Vesta, Kassey and Patrick say they can't wait to taste some flowers, but you can't eat them?

Is Carter the archaeologist related to Carter the vicar? Who is Flora's mysterious boyfriend in Town? Is it Wanky Won? Are there any plans to release the PS2 version *Harvest Moon: Save The Homeland*?

SUSAN KIRK, LANCASHIRE

CUBE: Our brains are bleeding.

MRS BRADY

I am 85-years-old with reflexes and eyesight not 100 per cent. Nevertheless

with the excellent solutions available I have completed *Wind Waker*, *Mario Sunshine* etc. But now I have bought *Beyond Good & Evil* as your review in Issue 29. Where are the solutions for this game. You ask for support for the game but where is your support?

L R FLYNN

CUBE: We supported that thing so hard it hurt our tushes!

MR LOGIC

G'day **CUBE**. How's it hangin'? Lately I've been pondering my minuscule, little brain on something I've read on the *Zelda* Planet website (recommended to any *Zelda* fan as big as me).

This ponderous wonder being the case of an animated *Zelda* movie being produced by a queer geezer, no offence, working under the name Joe Morris (or Morrison, can't exactly remember, hmmm).

Anyway, I just wanted the low-down of some info from you, is ye 'nowing anything about this project, such as when it's coming out, is it still going and is it real?

Please could you take note of my letter

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PLAYTIME FONTAINE

On a lighter tone from all this Sonic business I would just like to say how great it is for GameCube owners, think about it, one of the best games for the GameCube, Viewtiful Joe is getting a highly anticipated sequel, I literally can't wait! Also we are gonna get the quite frankly brilliant looking Killer 7, sure the PS2 is getting it but truthfully I don't see the game being appreciated as much.

Oh yeah Resident Evil 4, just how good does that game look? It's gonna blow any survival horror game out the water on any console in fact I would like to personally thank Capcom for these games.

How can I forget Metroid Prime 2? That game is gonna ROCK! Samus is just a fraction of the characters that I think are legendary that Nintendo create, now I can

show my friends that I am the best at it. But the game making me really excited is... *The Legend Of Zelda*. It looked stunning as soon as I saw the clip on your DVD, I must have watched that clip hundreds of times! Link kicks ass! For me, Nintendo had the best E3 this year, in fact I think they had the best E3 ever! No longer will people say GameCube is rubbish, to all you DOUBTERS out there.

Don't get me wrong, other consoles are in for a good time but no where near as good as GameCube. GAMECUBE RULES!

DANIEL BOREMAN, VIA EMAIL

PS To those who have a computer try the website mentioned in **CUBE**, it's great.

CUBE: What www.garysmum.co.uk? [Okay that's really it, the very last 'Gary's Mum' joke... gonna miss them - Tim]

BIFFA BACON

Hey ya CUBE, liking the mag, big fan. I think David Gosen did go a bit too far and Nintendo not actually taking some responsibility is harsh too, but in all fairness I agree with him, Microsoft should wait a few years before releasing their next console, I only got my GameCube a few years back and would like to actually use solely that to get the games I won't then fork over more money for a new console, it's not fair. Also yes gaming mags should take some responsibility for this, talking about the Revolution is interesting but really you should wait for a bit before mentioning it, wait for the news at E3 (if it was there by all means write it). But, going back, Nintendo does need to take responsibility for some of the blame

- timing was bad, adverts what adverts most of the time, and hello I'm a Nintendo of Europe VIP 24/7, I don't get any news at all on games or E3, the last email I got, I think was about the DS, wow.

On a better note, can't wait for the DS, PSP sounds crap, hardly any battery life and the time taken over games, gonna be annoying. Keep up the good work.

TOM STURDY, OXFORDSHIRE

CUBE: *What people need to remember is that the next generation of consoles won't look that much better than this one. PS3 certainly won't be the leap over PS2 that PS2 was over PSOne. The future is all about styluses.*

and please publish this in the next issue if you have any clue of what the heck I'm on about, and if not, please, please reply to this as I'm such a big fan!

Thanks so much for your time in reading this - if you have done so, whimper, whimper - lots o' luck.

THEO YOUNG, 11, NORFOLK

CUBE: *We had a look at the site and, well... c'mon it looks rubbish! Anyway the last update on it was in 2001 so we're guessing that Joe Morris (you were right the first time) couldn't raise enough cash to buy the rights for the film. In response to your first question - a little to the left...*

VICTORIAN DAD

Please can you send me information about the game *Zelda* and *Super Mario Sunshine* and *Mario Kart: Double Dash*. Please write back with the above information instead of writing it into the book. Please send it to:

CHARLIE COLLINS, MIDDLESEX

CUBE: *Y'know the magazine you read that had our address in? Read it! Watch the DVD! Order back issues! You can't really expect us to put together a mag for you and send it to your house, can you? Jesus, do you want the moon on a stick too?*

DEREK ANORAK

To the smart people at CUBE [just me then - Tim]. Only started reading a couple of issues ago and I'm very impressed. Yours is the first brand-specific magazine I've come across which is prepared to criticise the brand it discusses, so bravo to that.

Anyway, down to business. Yeah, yeah, I know you said don't send in your own top five cartoons, so I'm not - I'm just gonna edit yours. Cut out *Dungeons And Dragons*, drop those above it down a notch and whack *Transformers* in on the top spot.

How on Earth do you manage to miss *Transformers* out of your top five? I don't see any of the other cartoons in your top five still getting new and fresh material today. Yeah, the quality of the recent *Armada* series is questionable, but it's sequel, *Entergon*, is shaping up well. There was an entire universe out there full of characters, from the one you wanted to butcher with all sorts of nasty implements like Wheeble and Daniel, to the (need I mention him?) Yeah, I will anyway) greatest thing ever, Optimus Prime! Plus none of your cartoons had a planet-eating planet in it! Please at least give *Transformers* an honourable mention in your next issue and I will be appeased. Otherwise, begin rueing this day.

ALEX MACARTHUR, SOUTHAMPTON

PS Hi to anyone from *thetransformers.net* who's reading this! It's your favourite genetic mutant!

CUBE: *Transformers The Movie is fantastic and very moving, anyone who doesn't shed at least one tear is dead inside. But Armada, Beastwars, a recently discovered collection of awful comics and the fact the GameCube didn't get the recent Transformers game severely mar the nostalgia of Jazz, Brawn, Sideswipe and Bumblebee. But yeah Dungeons And Dragons was pretty crap: "Uni!" "Meeeh!"*

MORRIS DAY

Hiya CUBE. First things first, this is the first letter I have ever written (not that I don't write others) but this is the first letter I've ever written to a mag, and what better one to write to than yours. Okay I've bought the odd CUBE (shop stocks allowing) and might I just say I was blown away by last month's DVD. I am a self confessed Fox fan, and the footage from that E3 was brilliant to say the least. I loved the ground based area, I just want to ask - was that the army base on Fortuna that Fox was so effectively blowing to bits, and also in past mags I have seen the back of Slippy,

does this mean that the other members of the team are playable?

Well, setting this aside for the moment I want to ask about the DS and PSP. (I work in a very anti-game environment, only I and one other person like them.) What are they? I know that most people will be screaming at me "They're the greatest things out!" that's all fine but I don't need a long documentation about it. (No funny wisecracks guys, wait until you hear about a mate of mine, you will have fun.) All I need to know is what's the big deal with them?

Also reading the letters last month I found that people thought Sonic would look good in a *SSBM* sequel. Well I've gone one better. How about making *SSMB2: Nintendo Vs Sega*? I know the idea sounds bad but it could hark back to the console wars of old. You could cram so much into it and it would appeal to both Nintendo and Sega fans.

Anyway I've heard about an E3 style games venue in London at ExCel in London between 1 to 5 September. I only hope that they have *Star Fox* there. Well anyway back to what I started about earlier. I have a mate that's got a *Star Fox* website (he got me to write fan fiction for it called *Hold 18*. I could send you a copy, heavily edited as it is blue. My mate has a crush on Krystal although he won't admit it). The website is www.starfoxhq.com. Juh, he left off the end of the website address and try as we might we couldn't find the site, ahh well - Tim]. The story is not up there but he assures me it will be. My mates have also set up a special code for people to follow: 1. Always pay Team Starfox, you don't want to get on their bad side. 2. Don't joke about Fox's father. 3. Don't make any passes at Krystal and 4. Don't mention Peppy's mid-life crisis. (If it's not there he must've rubbed it off when he updated the site.) Also is there any chance of getting a poster of the team that you featured on the first page of August's CUBE? I just love the whole concept. Falco with the rocket launcher looks brilliant. He has the look



that he couldn't give a toss to anything. Krystal looks great with her assault rifle. It adds to her sleek and sexy charm. Slippy with the grenades, playfully chucking one when you know that deep down he wants to chuck them and blow something up. And Fox, mellow cool and laid back. How he's casually aiming his blaster belies his skills.

Well keep up the good work and I hoped this letter gets printed. I have to sign off now as I have to download my brain into Nintendo's *Star Fox* game. Bye

DAVID SEPHTON, ROMFORD

PS I'm hoping *Star Fox* will get a 10.

CUBE: *Krystal is furry and has a tail. It's WRONG to fancy her!*



DICKIE BEASLEY

Kon'nichi wa CUBE. (This is the sequel to my Issue 35 letter, but don't worry if you didn't read that.) Is anyone else concerned about Satoru Iwata's remarks on the Revolution, ie that the emphasis will be on new gameplay ideas than on graphics etc? All the hardware companies clearly have the ability to upgrade the power of their next gen consoles, and although I care about gameplay as well as graphics, not everybody does. And everybody is who is going to be buying the next gen consoles. Clearly it is the Europeans and Americans, in general, who are most easily lured in by shiny, pretty games like magpies to jewellery (*NFS: Underground?*), but if there isn't a marked improvement on presentation along with the generation transfer, even the Japanese will probably wonder why they should bother buying Nintendo's console. Purely from a business standpoint it seems like foolishness, especially when Sony and Microsoft will obviously be promoting the graphical element of their new consoles, as was demonstrated by the Xbox 2 technical demos at E3.

On that note, is the Xbox 2 really

coming out in 2005? Even if it is, I still don't agree with David Gosen of NOA. The next generation of consoles can never come quick enough. I mean, what's the point in having stuff if you can't spend more hard earned money on better stuff that makes your old stuff obsolete. And stuff. Bloody hell: I think Microsoft might just know a thing or two about that, the caring, sharing, blood-sucking, new-version-every-two-months mega-corporation that it is. My only concern is that the hardware industry will become so focused on the next generation of consoles that they neglect the current one.

Moving on to different matters, I am very upset with a certain high street GAME retailer, not mentioning any names. This is because this retailer now stocks only its own-brand of peripherals, and more importantly, magazine. Where is the choice? And the magazine they make is really not very helpful. Not only did they give *GTA: SA* a half-page spread in the E3 Most Wanted section, whilst the new *Zelda* got a tiny boxout (the new *Zelda* for Christ's sake!), but they don't seem to actually critically review anything. All they do is say what's good about each game and then finish with an invariably positive summary. According to them, you should just buy every game, cos it's typically either "engrossing", "intoxicating" or "absorbing". Not like CUBE. You guys tell it like it is. On top of this, I counted one GameCube exclusive

 We were right with our score for *Twin Snakes*, shoulda just believed us the first time. Always right, always!



game in the whole issue, everything else was Xbox, PS2 and PC, although that probably says more about the current state of relations within the games industry.

Also: AAARRGGHH! How hard is *FF*: CC with one player! Try fighting the giant crab boss at River Belle Path in the 5th year on your own. Go on, just try it. Chop off its claw and head, then weep as it conjures up the single most devastating spell ever seen in the history of spellage over and over again whilst you are stunned so can't dodge it. I went through 20 pieces of Phoenix Down before I succumbed. Nothing seems to hurt it significantly. Can you help? Oh please, in the name of sanity you have to help me!

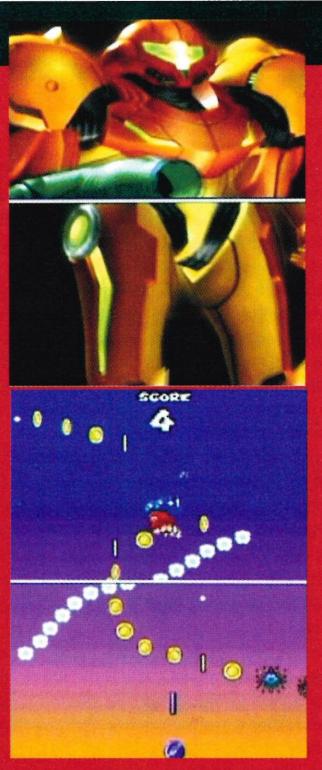
Finally. *Pandora Tomorrow*. One word: slowdown. Sometimes I had to activate thermal vision, which runs a lot smoother, just to ease the strain. Finally again, I've never played *Ikaruga*, so please explain why it is so important to turn your telly on its side to play it. What's wrong with vertical scrolling shooters? Maybe I'm just not hardcore enough.

Yes, this may be the longest post script in living memory, but I'll be damned if I'm stopping now. I'd like to clarify my comments in Issue 35 about 8.9 being a paltry score (for *Twin Snakes*). What I meant is, 8.9 is nowhere near as good as 9.0, which is a Star Game rating and grants instant access to gaming Valhalla. So the difference between 8.9 and 9.0 is greater than that between 8.8 and 8.9 if you see what I mean, or even if you don't. Anyway, I now think that perhaps the (very accomplished) interactive-ish movie doesn't deserve Star Game recognition, so I withdraw my previous comments.

That's all from me. I am drained for now, but I will be back. I have a lot of spare time on my hands, and nothing seems to clean it off (hardy har), and my next email is already in post-production.

DAVID WEBSTER, VIA EMAIL

PS Is Rockman the Japanese name for Megaman or something?



MAX POWER

 I agree with Laurie Davis' letter regarding the DS. All people who think the PSP is better than the DS are going on about its damn graphics (most people anyway) but does the PSP have a touch-screen that takes games in a new direction, I saw your (excellent) disc with the DS footage and think Wario Ware looks magnificent and I doubt the PSP will have anything like that.

Fair enough the PSP will have a wide-screen but beat two screens! While the DS batteries last long, PSP owners will be burning holes in their pockets buying batteries every few days.

Sony are focusing on making the PSP into a games player, music player and DVD player but Nintendo will focus on what they do best – games.

Think about it people, the DS is a total new style from consoles like the GameCube but PSP is the PS2 but smaller. Nintendo's games have always been more fun than Sony's. I will be getting the DS on the first day it comes out with other people in the store fighting to buy the best.

NATHAN BURRMAN VIA E-MAIL

PS Nintendo have always ruled the handheld market. If Sony think the PSP can change that then it makes me laugh out loud.

CUBE: Funny how people are getting more and more positive about the DS as time goes on. We can't wait to get our hands on one.

CUBE: Ignoring your first couple of points because they're boring – GAME's 'magazine' is really only there to try to persuade you to buy more games. Of course every game is a winner (though we're a bit suspect as to how 'intoxicating' a game can be) but y'know, you just have to question things and not be caught up in the idiot-consumer mind set. Or trust us. Which you can do – as you just proved with your new comments on MGS. Yay! Vertical shooters – think about it: a TV is wider than it is tall, so in *Ikaruga* you have the option to play the game 'sideways' so that it scrolls up from left to right (oww!), turn the telly on its

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NORBERT COLON

What is it with EA? They bombard us GameCube owners with countless crappy licensed games and when they finally get a great game on their books, they decide it doesn't deserve a GameCube release. What am I talking about? *Burnout 3: Takedown*. Don't get me wrong, EA do publish some great games and I'm sure, after seeing the trailers, that *Burnout 3* will be one of those games. But when I heard in CUBE that we won't see it on our beloved GameCube, I was really p**** off. I really like the *Burnout* series and I just can't understand why EA won't release *Burnout 3* on the GameCube.

SCOTT WEBBER, 16, BRISTOL

PS Keep up the good work on your fantastic mag. Bye bye Steph!

CUBE: Apparently they thought *Burnout 3* would lose a lot if they had to take out all the online features. Ah well, what can you do. Oh, and your letter arrived to late - Steph had already left, sob.

side and blammo, huge long screen to play on. Like an arcade, sort of. Rockman? Yep he is Megaman, they changed it so people wouldn't get him confused with Miles.

RAVEY DAVEY

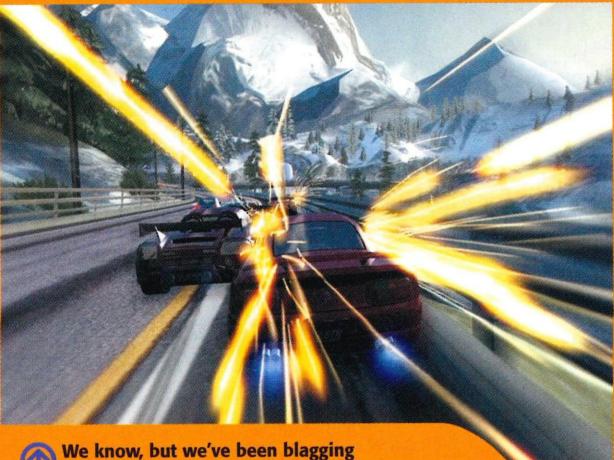
Hey dudes, I really think Nintendo ought to try and introduce some more characters to their already great selection. I mean, even Sega has created some more *Sonic* characters (Shadow, Cream etc) and it would appear that Sega is re-introducing the Chaotix Crew (with the exception of Mighty the Armidillo). I know Nintendo did Waluigi, but he's not a character everybody knows, like when you show a non-Nintendo fan a picture of Link, they'll say "Hey, isn't that the dude from *Zelda*?" or show them Mario and they'll say "that's Mario". And if you showed them Waluigi, they wouldn't have a bloody clue.

Anyway, that's just my opinion, keep up the good work CUBE!!
SAM TEMBLETT, VIA EMAIL

CUBE: Agreed. Nintendo do seem a little too happy to rely on their existing franchises.

GILBERT RATCHET

CUBE congratulations on ur fantastic mag I cant wait for RE 4 so I wrote my own ideas. Here are my ideas. RE 4 will have zombies, Ashley will slowly transform, Leon will kill her and keep her body to give to the president. The president will dump her body into the wasteland shown at the end of *Outbreak* anyway before that when Ashley transforms Leon kills her grabs her body runs outside to find a horde of zombies the president will fly over and give Ashley's body to him but as



We know, but we've been blagging goes on XBM's copy, we're sorted!

Leon is climbing the ladder the zombies grab him and pull him off Leon will mow them down with his uzi and run he finds the mansion which was shown in the scrapped version of RE 4 Leon will get to the entrance and it is dusty he wipes of some dust and he sees the words UMBRELLA then it shall end. RE 5 shall be set in Umbrella's early days when the T-virus is first shipped you play as a survivor. RE 6 shall be set at the end of RE 4 IT WILL BE FULL OF ZOMBIES. I think all STARS members should die. RE 7 SHOULD FOLLOW THE STORY OF THE GUY FROM RE 4 THE LAST SURVIVOR.

WILLIAM ERIC HAYWARD, VIA EMAIL

CUBE: That's that sorted then, be sure to write to Capcom too, we're sure they'll employ you... or just point and laugh.

MILLIE TANT

Hi CUBE. You guys make a great mag, but I'd just like to sort this good/bad fight over Metroid. Some people have been sending in stupid letters saying it's rubbish. IT'S THE BEST GAME I'VE EVER FREAKIN' PLAYED! What were they thinking the beautiful Phendrana drifts, with those little mongrels biting at your heels.

Firstly the puzzles are supposed to be hard, but they're not impossible, you must be thick or something if you can't work them out, the enemies are the main problem. Secondly what's up with not completing the game, the sheer beauty of it should be enough to blow your mind or you could buy a walkthrough, have you never heard of the internet. And lastly whenever I think of the sequel it fills me up with anger at all who diss it.

BEN CAMPBELL, 11, VIA EMAIL

CUBE: Innit.

LET'S TALK ABOUT THAT

TXT LIFE

We want your text!

STEPH IS LEAVING BECAUSE LIZ IS GETTING ALL DA LOVE.
CUBE: There's plenty of love for everyone around here.

CONGRATS TO DAVE EVERY. YOU ARE GREAT, REALLY, YOU ARE. BEATING ALL THOSE RECORDS. CHECK YOU OUT! WOOO! NOW GET A LIFE.
CUBE: Ooh-he-hoo-he-hoo, little bit jealous are we?

MUST... HAVE... WARIO WARE
CUBE: What are you offering?

FEED DA CHEATIN MONKEYS RED LEICESTER. THEY WILL LOSE THAT.
CUBE: It messes with their dreams though.

R U GOIN 2 DO ANY EVERYTHING OR NOTHING CHEATS ON DA DISC? PS CHEDDAR RULES
CUBE: What's with all the cheese this month?

SEES PIC OF MILES: AAAARRRRGH PS IS LIZ SICK OF COMPLIMENTS
CUBE: Dunno, but Miles is sick of the abuse.

I CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE UVE GOT 666 IN UR TXT NUMBER. EEEUUUHLLL
CUBE: :o)

HI, COULD U PLZ TEL ME IF THERE ARE NE CHEATS 4 GODZILLA ON THE GAMECUBE?
CUBE: Yes, yes there are. Most of them involve not going near it, not anywhere near it, you hear?

I JUST GOT SPLINTER CELL BUT I'M STUCK ON LEVEL 7. I FOUND A PIPE BUT EVERY TIME I GO IN ONE OF THE GUYS KILLS ME. HELP!
CUBE: Shoot out the light first, then kill the guy when he goes to investigate.



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ISSUE THIRTY SEVEN

FORUM FRENZY

IT'LL BE AUTUMN soon, which means that games companies will finally start doing their job and actually release some games again. Surely this can only mean an end to the bickering about inconsequential rubbish. Ya- ah, wait. Isn't that what this is all about? On with the opinion-forcing!

USER PROFILE...

NAME: John Asquith
USER NAME: RenOfHeavens
OCCUPATION: Treasure hunter
FAVOURITE GAME: Shenmue/Shenmue 2

Please comment on why something as irrelevant as gaming plays such an important part in your so-called life: I was playing videogames before I was able to walk. As a nipper, I grew up with the treat of being allowed to play on the family Spectrum if I ate all my vegetables. Since then, videogames have always been something to look forward to when plowing through life's really unpleasant bits. From coming home from school to play Super Mario World and Street Fighter II, through having to resit exams because of my addiction to ISS 64, to dreaming of the Skies Of Arcadia whilst slaving away in a soul-destroying job, games have always brought me joy. Where else could I ride a dinosaur, or play football for England, or fly a boat through the skies? Videogames, I salute you.



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Type the following into the net browser window: www.totalgames.net then click on the FORUM link. This will give you read-only access to the forum. To get in on the fun you'll have to register – you can do that by clicking on the cunningly titled 'REGISTER' icon at the top of the page. Fill in your details, choose a name and then wait for a password to be emailed to you (which will arrive in no time).

STEP THREE:

Er, that's it... Thousands of you have already joined in, so it's obviously pretty simple – heck, even the CUBE team did it.

POSTS WITH THE MOSTEST

- 1 "Earlier this week, a friend of mine punched himself in the face and gave himself a black eye while trying to flap at a wasp."
feltmonkey
- 2 "My friend (who I might add is captain of the county cricket team) plans to watch The Darkness just to throw cricket balls at Justin Hawkins (not mature I know) and he will hit, he never misses."
Siamese_Dream
- 3 "So what? My dad was on Bulls Eye! Beat that!"
Fighter Of Foo
- 4 "Well, I suppose you can't teach an old dad new tricks."
Jedi Jones
- 5 "Saw chandra though, he's bigger than I thought he'd be."
imagonnawin

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Those who have conducted themselves with enough intelligence, wit, tolerance and open-mindedness to help carve out a digital corner of unparalleled friendliness and more importantly, uniqueness. There are too many to mention, but hell, there's no harm in trying: Corinthians, feltmonkey, RenOfHeavens, Rhinox, Neio2, Zebedee, ACE RIMMER, ApocalypseDude, TOG, Numpty... well there's not enough space. Life isn't fair!



HOT TOPICS...

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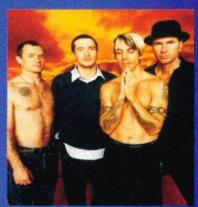
WE'VE ALL TURNED into a bunch of oldies. Moaning about the weather, wasps and the kids of today isn't very rock 'n roll, you know. Miles is disgusted...



YESTERDAY'S NEWS...

BORED GAMES

WHO'S GOING, WHO'S ARRIVING, why and when. Don't be so self-indulgent. If you're a good member, we'll notice. Don't worry.



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THREAD OF THE MONTH



Bile, detestation, anger, all vented on the CUBE forum and mostly directed at us. It's nice to be popular and so well thought of by internet users.

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Author	Re: Game Genre That You Will Always Suck At
Author: Siamese_Dream ★ ★ ★	For me it's strategy. I can never get past the first bits ever! What genre of game can you never grasp no matter how much you try?
Author: Seto ★ ★	Tried and tested phrase: Practice makes perfect.
Author: AirRaven ★ ★	Sports. I can have platformers and RPGs for breakfast. I can, with practice, demolish shumps. However, Football, Basketball, F1 Racing, and all other 'serious sport' games I will never master.
Author: Muse_The_Fifth ★ ★ ★ ★	Heh... I own at sports games, especially Madden. Manager games. I always end up going broke/losing/going over the salary cap/getting fired. I can't get to grips with them. Rugby and American Football ones are the hardest due to the salary cap. And here's one type that most people do not have the patience to get into: Modern flight sims. Check out Lock On: Modern Air Combat... it's a bitch to get into.
Author: alastor ★ ★ ★ ★	I'm not that good at rally sims/games
Author: Ice 9 ★ ★ ★	That has to be stealth. I don't get it why you just don't run out and kill everyone. It gets me every time.
Author: sample136 ★ ★ ★	Squad based tactical shooty... things. I have Ghost Recon, but I suck at it. I tried Conflict Desert Storm and couldn't get off level one. I've not even bothered with the likes of Socom or Rainbow Six. It's just a genre I can't get my head round.
Author: Mortal Wombat ★ ★ ★	I'm rubbish at race simulators like Gran Turismo. I just end up smashing against the walls. Arcade racers are great though.
Author: vorador ★ ★	Strategy, because I'm bored after 2 minutes.
Author: Android18a ★ ★ ★ ★	Racing sims... I hate these. Brake, acc, brake, acc... I never want to get good at any game that forces me to use the brakes. First Person Shooters... who's shooting me? And where from? Beat em ups - combos? Special moves? Well, I managed a Dragon Punch once.
Author: Strife ★ ★ ★	I agree with Manager games, waste of time and hardly require any decent technology to use. Hack 'em ups - LOTR:ROTK, what the hell was the point? Either the enemy dies or you die or your thumbs get so sore you drop the controller.
Author: Pancake_man ★ ★	Can't do manager games I just can't win. I can demolish most other games in under a week though. Too much practice.
Author: Zander Version 1.0 ★ ★ ★	Every genre. Except for wrestling games.
Author: The_Irritation ★ ★ ★ ★	Any game involving skill and fast reactions.
Author: Ice 9 ★ ★ ★	Ah, most realistic games I can't do and as it's not real why be real? Anyway, I can't do the squad, tactical shooter thingy (as sample puts so beautifully) either. I find they get too boring. I'd rather run in and kill everyone and everything then slowly walk around guiding a team and letting them shoot. I'm not so good at games like Resi and Dino Crisis. I tend to forget where to go and what the controls are. I was good at DMC though.
Author: Genesis ★ ★	I'm bad at: Racing games. Accelerate, crash. Start again. Repeat until bored. Football games (For you Americans, Soccer). I can't seem to get the controls. I'm good at: Basically anything else. Especially games like DMC. They kick some major ass Can't wait for DMC 3 to come out. The new Super Arrogant Dante looks cool.
Author: RenOfHeavens ★ ★ ★ ★	I hate to admit it, but I suck at shumps and run-n-gun games. I love Sunset Riders, but I'm terrible at it. My Contra skills are woeful, and I can't get past level 4 of R-Type Delta. I'm lacking hardcore skillz.
Author: AirRaven ★ ★	Pah – you'd look like ApocalypseDude if you saw my skills. I can't even get past level 1 on Contra I on NES. Yes – level 1. Oddly, I'm fairly good at shumps, even though they have similar gameplay. I don't pretend to be a master at Ikaruga or anything, but I am decent at them. Think getting up to the end of level 2 on Ikaruga Hard mode only using 2 lives.
Author: bmxgamer ★ ★ ★	Racers - I always seem to molest the walls and stuff instead of finishing a track. (Not including Mario Kart.) Sports – I don't play enough of them, so I'm always going to be crap. Does Dave Mirra, THPS etc come under this genre? I'm good at extreme sport games though.
Author: Siamese_Dream ★ ★ ★	Actually if I think about it... I suck at retro games... just the plain goddamn simple ones I'm crap at them. I have to be the worst at Pac Man.

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BEAT THE WORLD

RECORD BREAKER

ISSUE THIRTY SEVEN

Go on... you know that you can beat these times. Except for Jonas Pettersson's, who betters himself every month when we get the inevitable package from him. We like him, and we'll like you too if you follow his lead.

Simply play one of the games listed below (make sure you choose one that you're good at, obviously). Beat one of the times/scores, send it in and you'll see yourself in print! It couldn't be easier. Unless you got a cheating monkey to do it for you...

HERE'S THE BORING BIT THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE GETTING YOUR NAME IN PRINT:

■ Unfortunately, due to the 'large' amount of entries, there won't be any prizes. Please don't send us hate mail as it makes us cry.

- No punching, kicking or hitting below the belt. Enter as many challenges as you like and send in bribes at your leisure. That rock we got sent with that letter was nice, but we'd rather have something less sticky next time. Cheers.
- Remember the three P's: Photos, films and proof. We want evidence, and it can only take the form of something we can physically bend with our hands. So no digital pictures!
- Play nicely. We don't like player-haters (whatever they are, we never found out).



IKARUGA

ARROOGAA! This game rules. End of.

LEVEL	SCORE	CHAIN	NAME
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Challenge Mode

Ch 1	103030	2	Tim Empey
Ch 2	-	-	?
Ch 3	-	-	?
Ch 4	-	-	?
Ch 5	-	-	?
Prototype Mode:			
Ch 1	-	-	?
Ch 2	-	-	?
Ch 3	-	-	?
Ch 4	-	-	?
Ch 5	-	-	?



SUPER MARIO KART DOUBLE DASH!!

Going around in circles was never such fun.

MUSHROOM CUP

Course	Time	Name
Luigi Circuit	1:19:255	Jonas Pettersson
Peach Beach	1:12:342	Jonas Pettersson
Baby Park	1:05:932	A. Thomas
Dry Dry Desert	1:36:870	Jonas Pettersson

FLOWER CUP

Course	Time	Name
Mushroom Bridge	1:24:600	Jonas Pettersson
Mario Circuit	1:31:830	Jonas Pettersson
Daisy Cruiser	1:43:377	Dave Every
Walnut Stadium	1:44:923	Dave Every

STAR CUP

Course	Time	Name
Sherbet Land	1:18:727	Jonas Pettersson
Mushroom City	1:40:985	Jonas Pettersson
Yoshi Circuit	1:46:675	Jonas Pettersson
DK Mountain	1:49:176	Jonas Pettersson

SPECIAL CUP

Course	Time	Name
Wario Colosseum	2:06:991	Jonas Pettersson
Dino Dino Jungle	1:51:312	Jonas Pettersson
Bowser's Castle	2:28:889	Dave Every
Rainbow Road	3:05:201	Jonas Pettersson



This is it folks! Gary's last issue ever, well that's what he says, but we think he might be back, hopefully.



1080° AVALANCHE

Gaming to the powder of 1080.

EASY

Course	Time	Name
Ski School	50'91	Dave Every
Tenderfoot Pass	44'09	Dave Every
Frosty Shadows	48'81	Dave Every

HARD

Course	Time	Name
Power Threat	45'86	Dave Every
Tree Top Trauma	1'04'28	Dave Every
Grits N' Gravy	53'01	Dave Every
Trestle Trouble	1'25'62	Dave Every

EXPERT

Course	Time	Name
Revolution Cliff	1'09'90	Dave Every
Midnight City	1'35'22	Dave Every
Rotted Ridge	1'06'64	Dave Every
Diesel Disaster	1'15'13	Dave Every
Sick with it	1'29'42	Dave Every

EXTREME

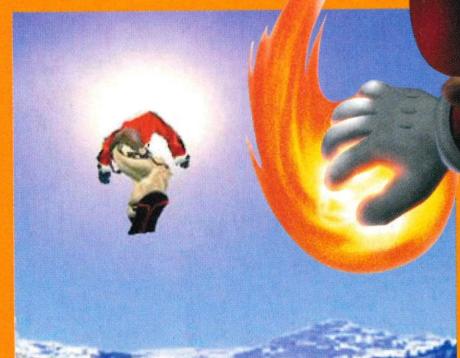
Course	Time	Name
Top Tree Mama	1'04'79	Dave Every
Treble Tussle	1'25'75	Dave Every
Evolution Riff	1'09'96	Dave Every
Sid's Night Midi	1'35'28	Dave Every
Dazzlin' Teaser	1'14'66	Dave Every
Wit's Thicket	1'29'22	Dave Every



TONY HAWKS UNDERGROUND

Underground, overground, skating free...

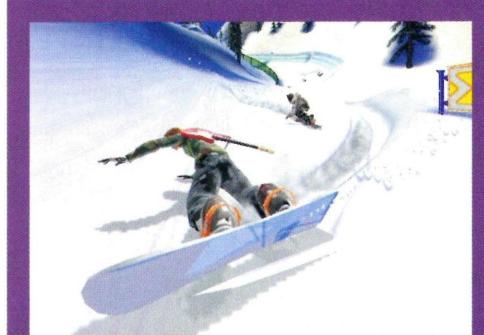
Level	Score	Name
New Jersey	-	?
Manhattan	-	?
Tampa	-	?
San Diego	-	?
Vancouver	4,888,028	Thomas Davell
Hanger	-	?
School II	-	?
Venice	-	?



Here's Gary: Boo hoo, what to say? What to say? So emotional...



BEAT THE WORLD RECORD BREAKER



You're all so lovely. Thanks to my family, friends, the internet, music and everything else that makes...

...working in an office environment that little more enjoyable. And of course, you, readers. Ha!



SSX 3

All aboard for the high scores

PEAK 1 SCORES:

Course	Score	Name
R&B	1093421	George Mulkerrin
Crow's Nest	204,999	Dave Every
The Junction	733,433	Dave Every
Happiness Jam	462,951	Dave Every
Peak 1 Jam	1,056,278	Dave Every

PEAK 2 SCORES:

Course	Score	Name
Style Mile	651,762	Dave Every
Launch Time	206,281	Dave Every
Schizophrenia	697,903	Dave Every
Ruthless Jam	347,531	Dave Every
Peak 2 Jam	1,082,211	Dave Every

PEAK 3 SCORES:

Course	Score	Name
Kick Doubt	713,334	Dave Every
Much-2-Much	216,079	Dave Every
Perpendiculous	974,460	Dave Every
Throne Jam	496,682	Dave Every
All Peak Jam	2,859,704	Adam Kelleway



Oh in case you're wondering, you know all the funny bits? The captions that you only...



...notice when you're reading this and eating breakfast, or waiting at a...



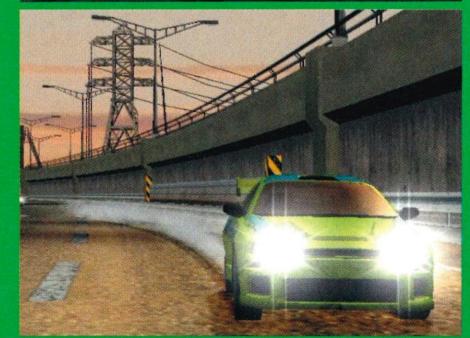
SOUL CALIBUR II

You know you got soul

Course	Score	Name
Time Attack - Std	2'30"08	Dave Every
Time Attack - Alt	2'32"06	Dave Every
Time Attack - Extr	-	?
Extra Time Attack - Std	2'04"32	Dave Every
Extra Time Attack - Alt	3'55"42	Dave Every
Extra Time Attack - Extr	4'53"38	Dave Every
Survival	24 Wins	Craig Ross
Survival - Std	44 Wins	Dave Every
Survival - No Recovery	49 Wins	Dave Every
Survival - Sudden Death	31 Wins	Jonas Pettersson



...bus stop in the morning? I did them. All. [Yer balls! – Tim]



BURNOUT 2

Damn shame we won't be seeing the third one – it rocks.

Course	Score	Name
88 Interchange	2:33:480	Robb Porter
Airport Terminal 3	0.31.179	Scott Dabell
Airport Terminal 1 & 2	1:27:479	Robb Porter
Big Surf Shores	1:43:516	George Mulkerrin
Crystal Freeway	-	?
Crystal Summit Lake	-	?
Freeway Dash	-	?
Heartbreak Hills	-	?
Interstate Loop	1:04:816	Robb
Ocean Sprint	1:58:250	Robb
Palm Bay Heights	-	?
Palm Bay Marina	-	?
Sunrise Valley D.town	-	?

WHAT A PICTURE

WE WON'T BELIEVE IT UNLESS WE'VE SEEN IT WITH OUR OWN EYES



You need to take a picture see, otherwise we won't believe your scores. It's a shame, but that's how the world is.

Right, so you've played like a madman and finally managed to beat one of our challenges – so what do you do now? Well, you'll need to get a photo of your accomplishment or, better yet, record the whole thing on video so that we can check it out for ourselves. If you're going to be adventurous and record a video, please be warned that we can't return any tapes sent to us. Those of you sticking to regular photography though might want a few tips on how to snap the perfect piccie...

- Turn off all the lights in your room so that you reduce the chance of light reflection on the screen. Also, turn down the brightness slightly on your TV to reduce any glare that the camera might pick up on.
- Switch off the flash on your camera – the light from the TV will be more than enough to illuminate the picture, and besides, the last thing you want is to have your photo ruined by flashing out the screen.
- Take several pictures, in case your first few turn out to be duds. No picture means no prize... remember that!

Be warned – photos sent by email are NOT acceptable, as they can be doctored in any paint program. People who use cheats or NTSC copies of games to get a better score (unless you're entering the import challenge, of course) will also be scorned and most likely ridiculed within these very pages. Finally, please note that we will NOT be able to send back anything that you send in as proof of your score – those of you who've been asking us for videotapes back or even sent in the only memory card you own, please take note of this rather important point.

YOU'VE GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT!

Once you've beaten any of our challenges and got your proof, you'll need to send it along to us - no proof means no entry, so make sure you post it to the usual address:

I'VE BEATEN THE WORLD, CUBE MAGAZINE,
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F-ZERO GX

Holy F- it's good.

RUBY CUP

Course	Time	Name
Mute City: Twist Road	00'48"748	Arif Saddiq
Casino Palace: Split Oval	00'54"204	Dave Every
Sand Ocean: Surface Slide	01'35"760	Arif Saddiq
Lightening: Loop Cross	01'59"219	Jonas Petterson
Aeropolis: Multiplex	02'00"133	Arif Saddiq

SAPPHIRE CUP

Big Blue: Drift Highway	00'58"291	Arif Saddiq
Port Town: Aero Dive	02'13"561	Arif Saddiq
Green Plant: Mobius Ring	01'31"428	Dave Every
Port Town: Long Pipe	02'31"112	Dave Every
Mute City: Serial Gaps	01'21"188	Arif Saddiq

EMERALD CUP

Fire Field: Cylinder Knot	02'42"446	Dave Every
Green Plant: Intersection	02'23"849	Dave Every
Casino Palace: Double Branches	03'06"754	Jonas Petterson
Lightning: Half Pipe	02'50"418	Dave Every
Big Blue: Ordeal	02'53"471	Jonas Petterson

DIAMOND CUP

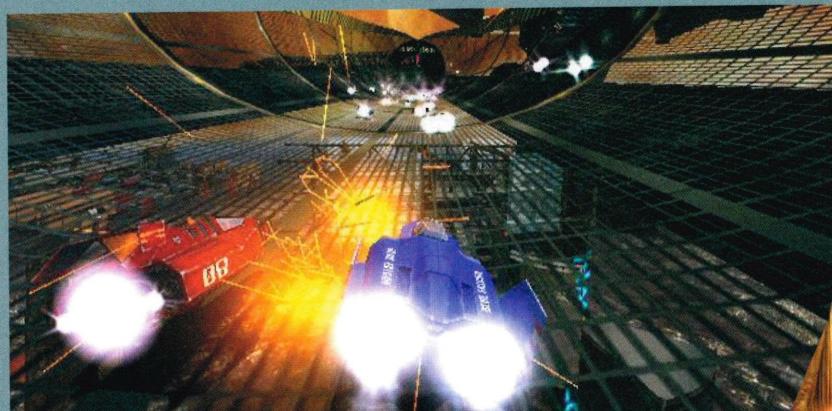
Casino Terminal: Trident	03'01"344	Arif Saddiq
Sand Ocean: Lateral Shift	1'46"469	Nick Gallagher
Fire Field: Undulation	02'03"916	Arif Saddiq
Aeropolis: Dragon Slope	02'43"083	Dave Every
Phantom Road: Slim-Line Slits	01'51"165	Stuart Feek

AX CUP

Aeropolis: Screw Drive	00'53"361	Arif Saddiq
Outer Space: Meteor Stream	01'26"288	Arif Saddiq
Port Town: Cylinder Wave	02'03"067	Jonas Petterson
Lightening: Thunder Road	02'58"673	Arif Saddiq
Green Plant: Spiral	03'29"621	Arif Saddiq

SPECIAL EXTRA TRACK

Mute City: Sonic Oval	00'36"327	Arif Saddiq
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Notice this one? Good. Keep playing games, 'cos life is all about fun. Bye!

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ISSUE THIRTY SEVEN

CHEATING MONKEYS



Our order of nice shiny robots was lost in the processing uh, process and as a result, the whole team has been infected with the Mongolian Giant Flea Disease



SPIDER-MAN 2

As ever, there's a ton of stuff to do once you've battled through the main game.



UNLOCKABLE

	HOW?
Alien Buster	DEFEAT MYSTERIO
Anger Manager	STOP 25 ROAD RAGES
Automobile Avenger	STOP 25 CAR JACKINGS
Balloon Popper	POP 25 BALLOONS
Bane of Petty Thieves	STOP 25 PURSE SNATCHERS
Big Game Hunter	DEFEAT RHINO IN STORY MODE
Champ	DEFEAT 200 ENEMIES
Crime Stopper	STOP 250 PETTY CRIMES
Drenched Explorer	COLLECT ALL 130 BUOY TOKENS
Employee of the Month	COMPLETE ALL PIZZA MISSIONS (20)
Friend to Children	RETURN 25 BALLOONS TO CHILDREN
Game Master	COMPLETE GAME WITH 100%
Gold Medallist	BEAT ALL CHALLENGES' MEGA TIMES
Good Samaritan	HELP 250 CITIZENS IN DISTRESS
Hardcore Gamer	COMPLETE ALL ARCADE GAMES
Hero	COLLECT 45K HERO POINTS
Hero in Training	COLLECT 15K HERO POINTS
Honorary Deputy	ASSIST 25 OFFICERS
Human Ambulance	RESOLVE 25 MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
Knowledge Seeker	COLLECT ALL 213 HINT MARKERS
Life Preserver	RESOLVE 25 SINKING BOAT CRISIS'S
Lifter of Spirits	RESCUE 25 HANGING CITIZENS
Lover not a Fighter	COMPLETE ALL MJ MISSIONS
Master Explorer	COLLECT ALL EXPLORATION TOKENS
Mega Champ	DEFEAT 500 ENEMIES
Mega Hero	COLLECT 200K HERO POINTS
Party crasher	STOP 25 BATTLE ROYALS
Shock Absorber	DEFEAT SHOCKER IN STORY MODE
Shutterbug	COMPLETE DAILY BUGLE MISSIONS
Silver Medallist	COMPLETE ALL CHALLENGES
Speed Freak	GET MAX SWING SPEED
Stick Up Artist	PREVENTS 25 ROBBERIES
Sucker	PREPARE 25 AMBUSHES
Superhero	COLLECT 100K HERO POINTS
Tentacle Wrangler	DEFEND DOC OCK
Thug Mugger	PREPARE 25 MUGGINGS
Towering Explorer	COLLECT ALL SKYSCRAPER TOKENS
Vigilant Explorer	COLLECT ALL HIDEOUT TOKENS
Watch Dog	PREPARE 25 BREAK-INS
Watchful Explorer	FIND ALL SECRET TOKENS

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CODE JUNKIES

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SPIDER-MAN 2

Master

- 1 VP69-2CGW-2U7TX
- 2 8JN-W1QU-Z4YYQ

Launch Kick

- 1 DWB9-MQMWH-Whnke
- 2 HZOU-U42H-2G95N

Infinite Health

- 1 4P1U-ETC4-6NU3
- 2 NOR8-Q52J-HRSNC

Infinite Hero Meter

- 1 5ZW-RH7B-CAVU7
- 2 7UHM-MTBP-TR5J6
- 3 ETR4-ZUQU-5FGUF

Moon Jump (Hold A)

- 1 EHAP-YT21-T6BPJ
- 2 UEPG-JM8V-XRAZW
- 3 PJZO-Y2CW-V7QPR

Hero Points (Test)

- 1 73FZ-WPD4-J0126
- 2 QXTQ-MD7C-387FD
- 3 5Y1R-7PWV-8NU2R
- 4 PFEE-7FNM-W8N21

Web Zip

- 1 3XA0-ZUVR-NCBCX
- 2 CGPT-C8WG-FU1HM

All Combat Upgrades

- 1 JK8E-K1RQ-WXNP
- 2 HC6R-AD8C-MGZZZ
- 3 OPWM-4KTW-RG5BV
- 4 W1X7-JCHT-NTQDG

Wall Sprint

- 1 3W16-H2AJ-ZUHUQ
- 2 NVZO-QGB2-DPWUU

Air Jump Off Kick

- 1 GRJ7-J3Y-P7QDC
- 2 VTB6-G2A6-EQ349

Cannonball Kick

- 1 5A94-6KPR-HCIYE
- 2 EVBD-UB8V-Y4WY9

Rising Knee Kick

- 1 QOF4-R8YC-R8JMK
- 2 57V9-WWW1-M1R38

Vank Behind

- 1 YZ8Y-5TW5-0F47C
- 2 A472-U3CW-XOXHU

Earth Breaker Punch

- 1 EYPK-WGEK-YQEJO
- 2 XMMT-QMPE-661ND

Level 3 Air Combo

- 1 TZ3R-2649-P9N60
- 2 AR4E-NY4N-PZV5P

Dizzy Strike

- 1 UKGU-4AKE-FMW39
- 2 2136-NW5R-5ZW3R

Multi Web Hammer

- 1 EVMQ-JSKY-K9JOT
- 2 QBTJ-ZYN6-M2AGA

The Hero Punch

- 1 MU7-M9ZD-KQ8FO
- 2 1J91-PAV4-PT5VA

Interceptor Kick

- 1 1GTV-WUYE-426FO
- 2 TFBH-H6MV-X7TTG

Level 4 Air Combo

- 1 53KR-A8W1-8GXX3
- 2 GUJ0-MT50-11J9Z

Jaw Launcher

- 1 7UOM-BR5N-YZBGW
- 2 BBZY-9RCK-DNHJS

Air Pile Drive

- 1 6EJZ-J40J-53ET8
- 2 HMUT-K3F3-EZB7N

Double Heel Kick

- 1 9UZM-BAYD-H9D3W
- 2 48FQ-0W7F-CKQNF

Stair Step Kicks Combo

- 1 ZNY3-NA7E-B36HX
- 2 Z72V-61J1-GK02E

Super Web

- 1 3HY3-E9K1-X8BC3
- 2 60T1-V2DP-T56RT

Rising Shoulder Charge

- 1 59J3-HWD6-G37T8
- 2 V2YQ-UKB7-70C9V

Whirlwind Kick

- 1 E8VU-351Y-EPJFR
- 2 KJXE-T4FG-1C2NJ

Air Web Slam

- 1 2EHW-FP9X-9GR52
- 2 1NM9-4AR9-D0BV7

Spider Missile

- 1 CCFU-Y5MH-0FEPW
- 2 QW1F-U4K2-GP569

Grapple

- 1 1X11-V1DK-CC72M
- 2 W1X7-JCHT-NTQDG

DREDD VS DEATH

Master

- 1 XKZN-6A7J-WPTUH
- 2 6917-4F76-UZB7M

Infinite Health

- 1 309M-F1QT-7R2MV
- 2 9GVM-GVE8-CJDAU

Infinite Lawgiver Ammo

- 1 PV3M-BMBU-DXF9D
- 2 TRXX-J9M3-UBPV

Infinite Judge Shotgun Ammo

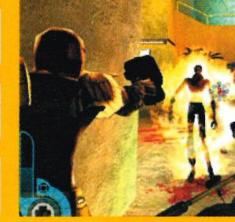
- 1 JBR4-RH2X-51DPR
- 2 YRF8-AB18-236C4

Infinite Lawred Rifle Ammo

- 1 DJYP-0VNH-0QDXY
- 2 80WE-JNFK-VB1X4

Tect Infinite Ammo

- 1 16TA-5NOV-DEWBZ
- 2 TRXX-J9M3-UBPV
- 3 YRF8-AB18-236C4
- 4 80WE-JNFK-VB1X4
- 5 T9A5-RXVR-P9F53
- 6 H08D-2PG-MUDZX



DIE HARD: VENDETTA

Master

- 1 8MEH-9WTF-RUTG8
- 2 7Z4J-RMFH-P7F75

Metal mode

- 1 8WN1-8HFG-01Y2Q
- 2 2E28-DNY1-XWZXW

Infinite ammo/no reloads all weapons

- 1 TAGZ-MQ5N-DFH22
- 2 V4J7-DWZ2-H77N7

Infinite health/armour

- 1 GCXN-QV3R-GFVAN
- 2 V6AE-NQ4X-01CV7

Tap or hold \triangle for moving multi-jumps only

- 1 128A-TCB2-RKS5F2
- 2 HENU-J9Z4-D86WR
- 3 DKKN-4QM1-JFTOU
- 4 W2J2-32Q7-1WZHF
- 5 QXZ3-TRJ5-B35EY

Press \diamond + \square for hyper speed

- 1 A7NN-53V9-C6JQG
- 2 3FT-E-XZF5-X5E27
- 3 6AF3-KNHF-2VFYP

Press \diamond for slow speed

- 1 9M45-4UWA-VW5MT
- 2 G8GC-YRCZ-2B5CF
- 3 YNKH-JTBT-X5DNG

Press \diamond + \square for super slow speed

- 1 NNRW-79A1-E6BON
- 2 122N-TTX2-HK48R
- 3 KOQC-JZHV-CHX1W

Press \diamond + \square for normal speed

- 1 C6WY-FP9X-9GR52
- 2 1NM9-4AR9-D0BV7

Tiny head mode

- 1 N1DF-ZHQ7-PXMP1
- 2 KY2N-H8VW-JFCQW

Big head mode

- 1 5GFK-EJM-PZBAV
- 2 KY2N-H8VW-JFCQW

Exploding bad guys

- 1 Q8J2-E1UU-J28VA
- 2 R620-VUM2-8AZ1R

Everyone's on fire

- 1 WOK7-Z621-UHBZT
- 2 RP5J-F84N-QJK4

Have full 'Hero' bar

- 1 RWE3-T4JX-UP0H6
- 2 31DG-2A32-VN9NT

Standard infinite ammo

- 1 V8EX-GKTT-3MACY
- 2 UZJ4-RMV3-E1ZFX

Bullets REALLY hurt

- 1 C9UG-DR3T-67RC4
- 2 A88P-32A3-3PP8D

Big guns

- 1 H2V0-5KFU-N378X
- 2 Z83M-CNBF-ZQ5P6

Wireframe mode

- 1 23WR-BA3F-9A9C4
- 2 D2WD-G950-KWH2X



LEGENDS OF WRESTLING 2

Master

- 1 DRTA-3YYC-C4MQP
- 2 6QUV-MTEW-BNRHA

P1: Infinite Health

- 1 H5JF-RV5A-UNGEH
- 2 2FJ6-P4NW-AX7RA

P1: Easily defeat CPU/P2

- 1 QAKO-PAAY-3N1BN
- 2 9HG9-NRAY-Y07HE

Infinite Creation Points

- 1 JWYY-9RT4-JE00Q
- 2 T7BJ-HKXD-XHU03

Unlock All Characters

- 1 33GJ-E1XO-C65ER
- 2 7BD1-KJ2T-6G5WP
- 3 2FZM-2TK6-F1AY9



SPLINTER CELL: PT

Master

- 1 NR1-PEQR-UP332
- 2 V7UT-UONP-E8R24
- 3 5U1M-EP7B-0YDKA
- 4 3PA0-678R-YVT4
- 5 0V67-2NZX-ROE2R

Infinite Ammo

- 1 QYAU-4KNW-P146A
- 2 TAT3-Y1Q-N1WN1
- 3 36BG-4V77-MVWQC
- 4 A32J-HF0G-7V73H
- 5 K61P-W1QW-HA96F

Enemies Cannot Sense You

- 1 6KRW-HUNO-VRPO1
- 2 F0U8-NGD2-UERVC

Bumf AI

- 1 NF9B-VQG2-Z1BTA
- 2 C2XJ-NHUG-7YFJZ

PALeGitz

- 1 NHAZ-U5AU-A275H
- 2 KUAO-198J-AAVHJ
- 3 A6KT-5IJN-FBB9F
- 4 TCD6-HMG9-0TY44
- 5 HXD4-132Q-FNDFQR
- 6 ANFU-KE0C-4TYDP

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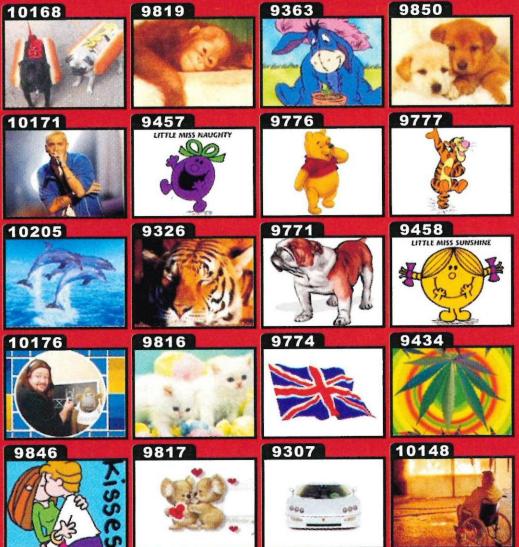
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7730	7316	2528	5109
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5156	9240	Duran Duran - Rio	5142 9051
10538	10526	Eamon - Don't Want You Back	10424 10404
8133	8300	Eminem - Superman	6332 9687
9078	9386	Eminem - Without Me	10385 10392
3936	9572	Estelle - 1980	10143 10123
10494	10491	Europe - Final Countdown	5353 9515
9970	9958	Finn Brothers - Won't Give In	10548 10341
10492	10489	Flip & Fill - Discoland	10425 10286
10433	10413	Fountains Of W - Stacy's Mom	9913 9825
10493	10488	Frankee - F.U.R.B.	10134 10300
10542	10532	Futureheads - Decent Days	10440 10400
9883	9863	Gary Newman - In Cars	4728 10471
8765	8646	Girls Of FHM - Da Ya Think	10349 10335
10546	10529	Guns 'n' Roses - Sweet Child	8589 10530
1112	9571	Hoopastank - The Reason	9951 10003
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ISOLATION

Use your telekinesis to unlock the door and go through. Head through the next door and practise your newfound powers on some of the objects in this room. Head into the next room and you'll get the healing power, which you should use. Go through the door into the corridor, pick up the dustbin and hurl it at the guards. Pick up the **Security Pass** that one of them drops and then use it on the door at the end on the left.

Head through the next door, go round to the left and knock down the surgeon. Use the computer to retrieve the map for this area that has a code on it. Click on the isolation cell and the elevator to get some information and then head to the elevator, put in the code you got from the map and step inside.



PREPARATION

This serves as a training mission, so just do as you're told and learn the skills you'll need in order to get through the game.



EXPERIMENTATION

You've now got the psi pulse attack so use it when necessary. Take the **Pistol** from the downed guard and use the computer to get the map of this floor, unlock the nearby door and turn off the security cameras. Go through the door to the foyer and use the cover to get across the room to the door, using your Psi Pulse to take out cops on the way (they'll keep coming so don't hang around trying to take them all down). Go down the corridor and through the door at the end. **Stealth is the best approach** here, so crouch down and head right then into the first room on the left. Wait for the guard and scientist to finish talking then move to the other side of the room, staying out of sight of the scientist. Go left and through the door and follow the corridor to Chem-store 1. Stay low and head forward past the guard on the walkway above. Stay behind the tank and wait for the scientist to

use the computer before dashing to the door leading to corridor B. **Head forward** and you'll gain the charm ability. Use the psi pulse to knock out the guard then telekinesis on the fan to speed up the decontamination process so the door unlocks. Go into Chem-store 2 and up the steps. Use telekinesis on the switch through the window to access the conveyor belt then use charm to pass the guards that enter the room. Go back to Biotech and left, through the door on the left into scanning then into the microanalysis corridor. Go across the corridor into the film store and pick up the **Tranquilliser**, then go back and down the patient records corridor. Enter the first door on the left, using charm to stay hidden. Climb onto the conveyor belt and follow it to the storeroom. Knock out the scientist then crawl into the vent. Follow it to the patient records room, go left and use the computer.



FIELDWORK

■ **Head forward and take cover**, then use the sniper rifle to take out the enemies. Keep moving forward with the rest of the squad, staying clear of the enemy fire. Once all the enemies are down head into the cave and wait for one of the soldiers to blow a hole through the rock. Head through the hole and continue until you encounter some more enemies. Take them out then head outside and use the sniper rifle to shoot some more enemies. When you're given the order to chase after Wilde, follow the

arrow down to the road and head left, then through the door on the right. After the cut-scene follow Wilde up the ladder. Go up the stairs and along the walkway, then into the room at the end. Use the first aid station to heal then pick up the **Soviet Rifle**. Exit the room and climb the ladder then pull the lever. Head back down to Wilde and go through the unlocked door. ■ **Follow Wilde and kill the soldiers** you encounter, then follow her again, healing on the way. Kill the soldiers in the next

room then climb the ladder and follow Jayne to the control room. Use the computer on the right and wait for Jayne to get the password. Once you get in, look in the wastebasket to find a file about Grienko. After the cut-scene follow Wilde again and take out the enemies in the corridor before climbing back down the ladder. Follow Jayne again and hold off the enemies in the next room until JC arrives to help you out.

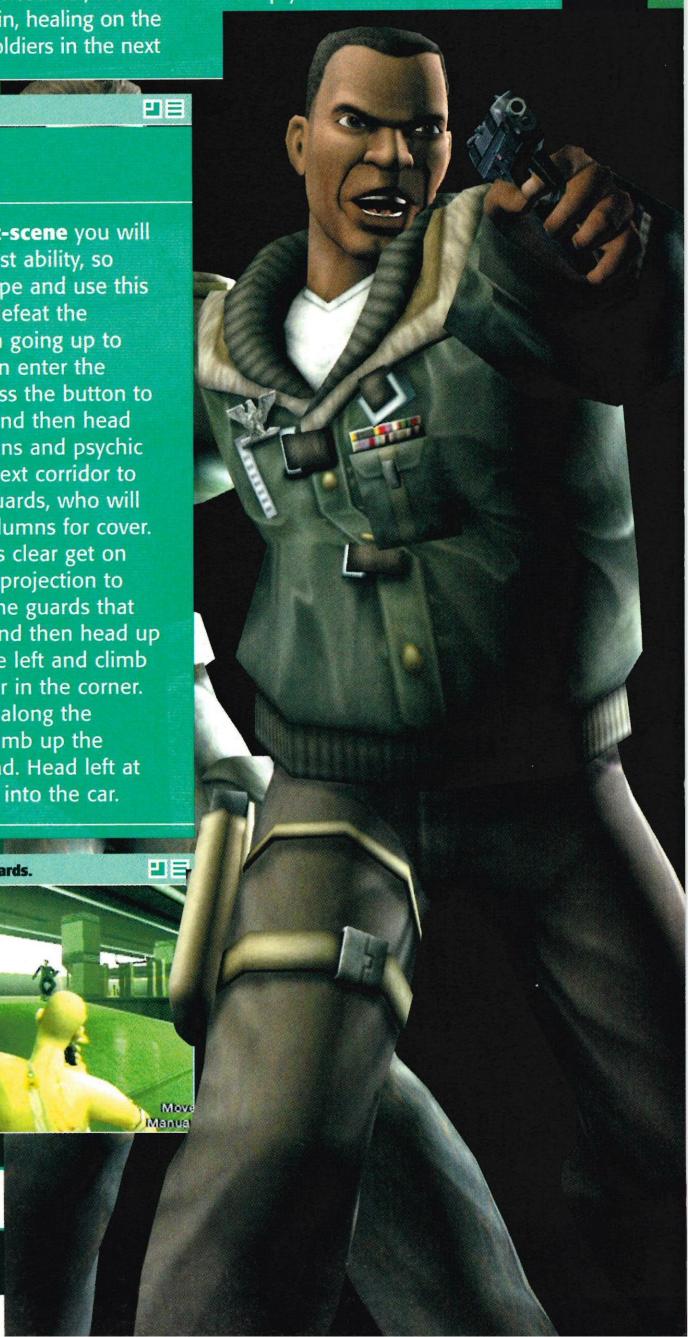
ESCAPE

■ **Use charm to get past the guards** and leave the room, then get into the lift. Head round the corner to the lasers and watch the cut-scene, after which you'll have the projection power. Head forward but don't go round the corner, as the camera will see you. Go into the alcove on the right and press the switch to turn the lasers back on. Use the projection power, head round the corner and press the switch to turn it off. Quickly continue forward and press the two switches opposite each other to turn off the other two cameras then, return to your body.

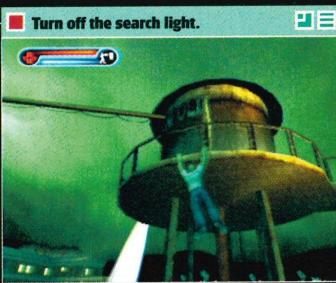
■ **Wait for the guards to leave** then run back to where the camera switches were, using charm so you aren't spotted.

Hide from the surgeon until he leaves then use your telekinesis to move the time on the clock forward. Now hide in the cupboard near the computer and wait for the scientist to return. When he does he'll access the computer and enter his password. Peek out of the cupboard to watch him do this then shoot him with a tranquilliser. Access the computer, disable the laser grids and turn off the remaining camera. Use charm and head right past the scientist and guards to the room with the lift. Use a tranquilliser on the guard then stand on the lift. Use projection and head round to the right to the lift button and press it, then return to your body.

■ **After the cut-scene** you will have the psi blast ability, so head up the slope and use this new power to defeat the guards. Keep on going up to the top and then enter the room there. Press the button to open the gate and then head through. Use guns and psychic powers in the next corridor to defeat all the guards, who will be using the columns for cover. Once the area is clear get on the lift and use projection to activate it. Kill the guards that are at the top and then head up the slope on the left and climb down the ladder in the corner. Make your way along the walkway and climb up the ladder at the end. Head left at the top and get into the car.



SECOND SIGHT



Turn off the search light.



Use telekinesis here.



Get the password from the doctors.



Deal with the orderly here.

MADNESS

Climb the ladder in front of you, and at the top swing yourself over the side. Shimmy round past the fence and climb back up. Pick up the **Sniper Rifle** and then press the switch to turn off the searchlight. Use the rifle to take out the guards below then climb back down. Head up the main steps, go right and climb in through the window. Once inside your telekinesis will be enhanced, so head down the corridor, pick up the **Tranquilliser** then use your new ability on the orderly at the end. Pick up the **Library Key** he drops then head right and down the steps.

Go left at the bottom and then up the steps over in the corner and up the spiral staircase. Go into the library at the top and talk to the doctors, who will tell you where Wilde is. On the shelves in here you'll see some books that can be read, so take a look. Now try to use the computer, which is locked. Talk to one of the doctors again and they will tell you the network password. Use this to gain access into the computer and unlock the library doors.

Climb up one of the ladders

to the upper floor of the library, where there are some more books to read. Climb another ladder to the walkway above and head through one of the doors you unlocked with the computer. Crawl into the vent on the right then use telekinesis on the orderly you encounter at the other end. Head down to the bottom via the stairs, dealing with the orderlies you encounter on the way. Read the lobotomy schedule on the bed then follow the corridor to the ward. Talk to the doctor then leave the room and enter the east wing. Go through the door at the end of the walkway and pick up the **Dormitory Access Card** then leave the room and head down to the ward below.

Use the card on the reader on the other side of the room and go through the door. Head down the corridor to the atrium and use charm to get past the guards and into the West Wing. Look out for the orderly in the corridor and wait for him to move away, or use the tranquilliser gun. Access the computer to find out the security

code then head down the corridor on the left, using the tranquilliser gun to take out the guards. Enter the storage room halfway down the corridor and pick up the **Shotgun** and **Tranquilliser**, then use telekinesis to get the **Floppy Disk** on the top shelf. Go back to the computer, select the floppy drive and you'll be able to play X-Space '92. Once you've had enough of that head back into the corridor you were just in and use the tranquilliser gun to destroy the camera at the end. This will alert the guard but as long as he doesn't see you he'll soon wander off. Lean round the corner and shoot him with a tranquilliser then enter the code on the pad to open the gate and head through. Go down the corridor and up the stairs at the end then down the corridor to the high security area. Peer round to the right and use a tranquilliser on the orderly, then check which direction the camera above is facing before running to the right.

Stop as you reach the corner and peer round to see another orderly and tranquillise

him. Hide in one of the alcoves and get your charm ready. When you see the guard come through the gate, use your charm and run past him through it. Enter the guard station and knock out the guard then use the computer to turn off the cameras.

Now go to the next gate and use projection to go back to the computer. Use it to open the gate then return to your body and head through before it closes. Now go through the door on the left to find Jayne.

SECURITY BYPASS ALERT

HIDDEN EXTRA

X-Space '92 is a secret mini-game that is unlocked by using the floppy disk on the top shelf in the storage room. It can be placed in any of the computers, and allows you to play a shoot-'em-up in which you control a spaceship. The aim is to blast as many aliens as you can! Have fun!

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Pick up the goodies in here.



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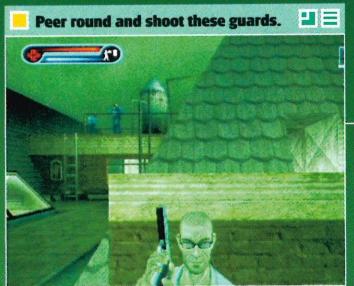


Tranquillise this orderly.



Use projection to access the computer.

MADNESS



RESCUE

■ **Charm Jayne** so she follows you then go down the stairs. Jump into the pool for the **Heavy Tranq Gun** then get back out. Go through the door and use the charm to calm Jayne down. Head through the door and use a tranq on the guard round the corner. Crawl under the broken door and climb out the window. Jayne won't follow, so go to the door on the left and use telekinesis to remove the wooden bar and open it. Use telekinesis on the ladder to drop it down then climb it up to the roof. Tranq the guard, then head round to the

wooden planks and cross them.

■ **Watch the cut-scene** – you'll now be able to heal Jayne. Quickly use telekinesis to raise the plank so Jayne can cross, and continue across the roof, crouching at the corner. Peer round and shoot the guards, then climb the raised section via the ladders. On the other side, climb down the ladder in front and step up onto the ledge on the right. Back to the wall, sidestep along the ledge to the other side of the central room, making sure the guard doesn't see you. Enter the door on the other side into the

corridor, using tranqs on the three guards. On the way, go through the second door on the right and tranq the patient, then pick up the **Balcony Key** he drops.

■ **Head to the balcony** where you left Jayne and open the door to let her in. Go back to the lift and climb onto the top of it. Drop through the hole then press the button so it moves up and Jayne can get in. Press it again to get to the ground floor and go outside. Take care of the guards and go through the door at the other end of the courtyard. Look out for guards and head down the stairs.

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RELIANCE

■ **Head forward and take out two snipers** then follow the Colonel into the tunnel. Shoot the snipers you encounter then watch the cut-scene. Head to the right and use the boxes to get over the fence. Crawl through the vent into the building then watch another cut-scene. Select the tranq gun, peek through the door on the right and shoot two soldiers. Enter the room and go over to the Earth Impact arcade machine, which you can play on. Once you've had enough, leave and head up the stairs. Peek into the room on the right and tranq the soldier, then head inside and use the first aid station.

■ **Continue down the corridor**

and into the next room. Tranq the soldier then try to use one of the computers to find that there's no power. Wait for the Colonel to restore the power then use one of the computers again. Get the map then look at the **Rescued Documents**. Before you leave make sure you read the clipboard on the filing cabinet to get the **Manager's Office Key** then go back out into the corridor. Enter the room at the end and go through the door on the other side then into the machine room. Tranq the guards in here then head downstairs and outside. Tranq the two guards and wait for the Colonel to come over. Climb up the ladder and go round the corner, take out the snipers

and climb down the ladder on the other side. Go to the security hut and open the gate, then rejoin the Colonel and climb the fence.

■ **After the cut-scene** head down the road and shoot the snipers, then follow the train tracks into the tunnel. Once at the station, climb onto the platform and head through the train to get past the collapsed section. Go through the doorway and pick up the **Assault Rifle** and the **Station Key** then head back to the Colonel and open the gate. Head through and watch the cut-scene. Once it's over you will have all the psychic abilities, including possession. Project yourself and drop down through the hole then possess

one of the soldiers and shoot the rest. Go back to your body, finish off the remaining soldier and drop down through the hole.

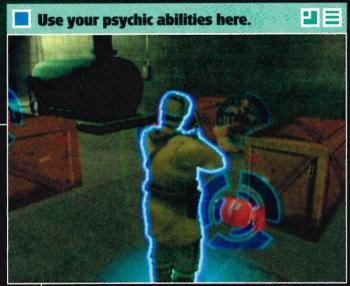
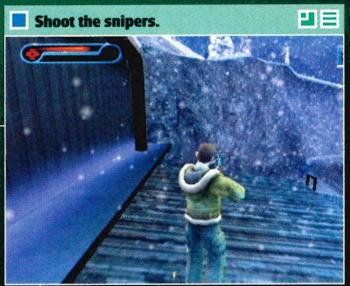
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HIDDEN EXTRA

The mini-game *Earth Impact* is very similar to the classic game *Asteroids* and can be found in the break room. It sees you spinning your ship around, shooting at both aliens and asteroids. Once played, this game is available on your PDA to play whenever you like.

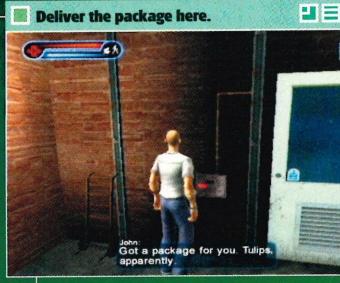
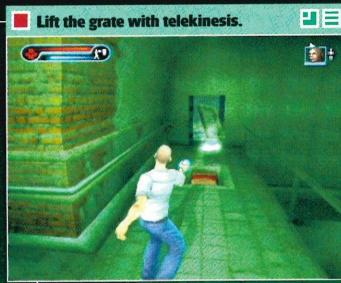
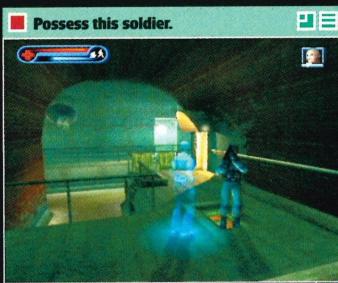
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RESCUE

RELIANCE



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■ Go round the corner and take out the soldiers using possession, then get Jayne to follow you to the door on the right. Open it and shoot the soldier then go down the stairs and the ladder. Project your spirit at the bottom and go through the door on the left, then possess the nearest soldier and kill the others. Enter the room and wade across to the ladder on the right. Climb up, go over to the grate in the floor and use telekinesis to lift it up. Drop down through the hole and head through the tunnel. Use telekinesis to move the lever and open the gate then tell Jayne to stay put (if she followed you) while you go down the tunnel.

■ Possess the soldier at the end and kill the others, then get up onto the platform where the lever is and pull it. Kill the soldiers that appear then go back to get Jayne and lead her into the room. Go right and up the steps at the end then through the door and down the stairs. Peek through the door at the bottom and take out the soldiers inside, then head to the other end. Use telekinesis on one of the levers

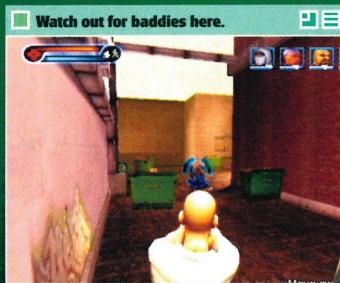
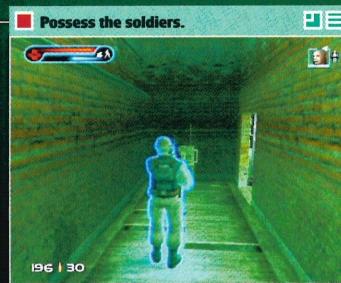
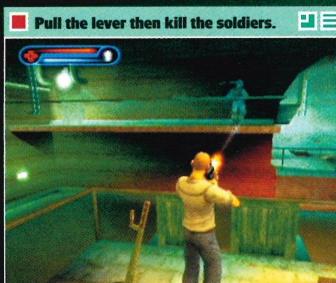
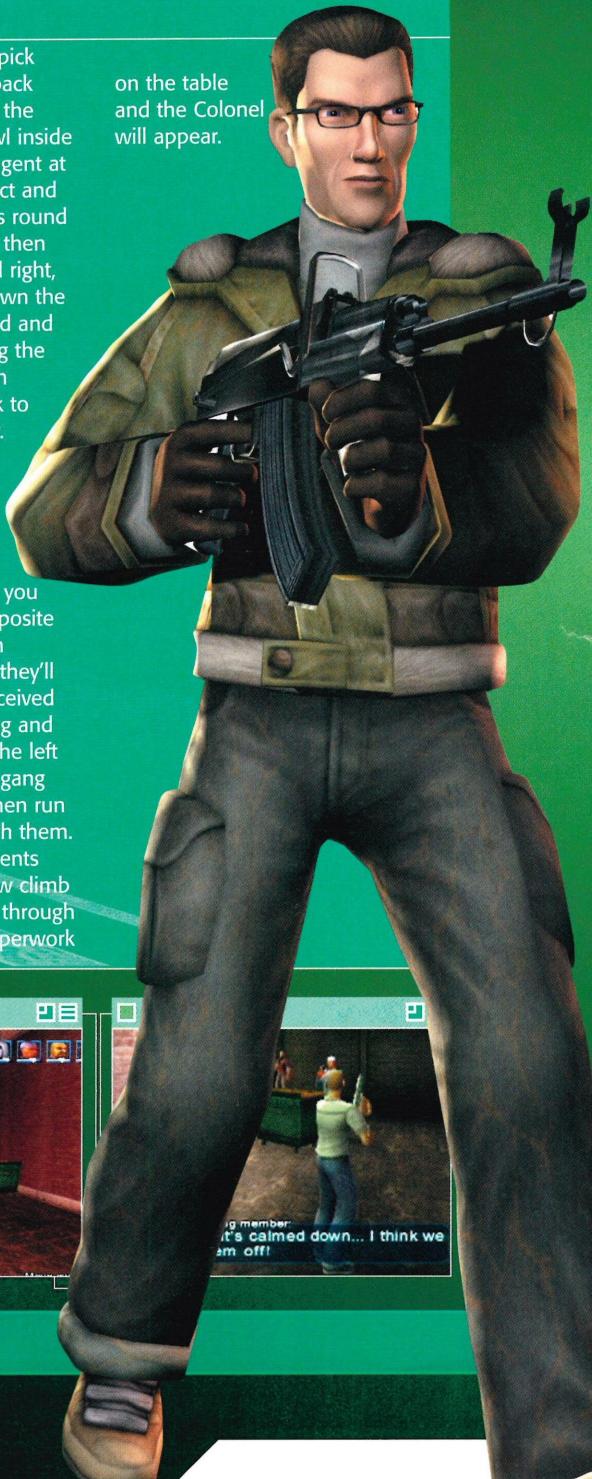
and head down whichever tunnel you've opened (they go to the same place). Kill the soldiers in this room then climb up the ladder on the left, go to the lift and get Jayne to wait on it. Go back down into the water. Climb the ladder on the left then jump up and grab the ledge on the right. Shimmy along until you can climb up then hug the wall, sidestep round to the ladder and climb up. Kill the soldiers at the top then head over to the laser grids. Use projection to get past them, pull the lever to bring the lift up then go through the last laser and possess the soldier to switch the lasers off. Finally, walk the soldier off a high platform to kill him. Climb down the corridor where the soldier was.

■ climb the stairs in the next room and go through the doorway. Kill the soldiers in this room and drop down into the water. Head forward and climb the ladder on the right then head to the tunnel. You'll encounter more soldiers once inside so use the cover and take them out then climb the ladder at the end.

STREETLIFE

■ Go up the stairs and pick up the **Sawn-Off** then go back down and right, round to the vent. Open it up and crawl inside then use a tranq on the agent at the other end. Now project and possess one of the agents round the corner, shoot the rest then return to your body. Head right, round the corner then down the alley on the left to the end and stop the agent from killing the gang member. Follow him through the door and talk to the female gang member. Keep talking to her until she agrees to give you an errand to run. Once you have the package go back outside and head right back to where you came out of the vent. Opposite the vent is a door with an intercom, so press it and they'll let you in. After you've received the tattoo exit the building and head down the alley on the left where there's a group of gang members. Talk to them then run away from the agents with them. Take cover and kill the agents until the area is clear. Now climb the fire escape and go in through the window. Read the paperwork

on the table and the Colonel will appear.





TEAMWORK

Take cover and use your sniper rifle to shoot the enemies above. Once they're all dead listen to what the Colonel has to say then follow Cortelli up to the building. You and JC must defend the building from both sides, so find some cover. Keep an eye on your comrades' health and heal them if necessary. When Cortelli calls you over go and talk to him then head back down the hill to the Colonel. Follow him back up to the end of the train track then back again. On the way back some soldiers will start shooting from below, so get your sniper rifle out and take care of them.

Now continue back past the building you defended and down the hill under the bridge up to another building. Take cover and shoot the enemies then continue forward. Follow Franklin into the building when you're told to and go over to the small room on the left. While Franklin looks out the window, go through the door to get outside again. Go through the door opposite and through the next door on the other side of the room then watch the cut-scene. Use projection to get through the lasers and possess the first guard you come to. Climb down the ladder on the

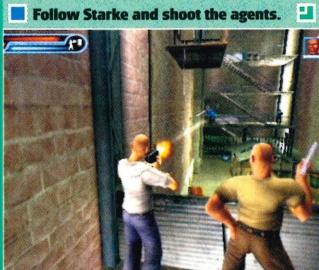
right and pull the lever to open a door elsewhere, then kill as many enemies as you can before your psi energy runs out. Make your way back and talk to the Colonel.

When you reach the door you opened move forward and find some cover so you can shoot the enemies. When Tex appears give him some cover, then keep on shooting until all the enemies are dead. Join the group at the main gate, then when you are told to split up go down the tunnel you used when in spirit form. Try to open the door there and a cut-scene will start. Head down the tunnel and take out all the enemies at the end.

BREAKOUT

Follow the Colonel out of the room and take cover as you work your way down the corridor. Follow Starke into the room on the left, kill the agents and wait for him to get the key. Follow the Colonel through the door at the end of the corridor then head down the stairs. Use telekinesis to press the switch on the cradle lift and move it down then head over to it and ride up. Climb through the window then go to the fire door on the left and open it so Starke can get in. Follow him down the corridor, take out another agent and head back outside to another staircase.

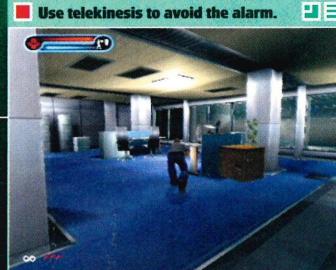
Head down and through the door at the bottom then fight your way to the third door on the left. When you get a chance, go through this door and kill the agents inside, then head through the next door to get out onto the street.



CONSPIRACY

Take out your tranquilliser gun as you'll want to keep a low profile here. Go to the corridor on the right, take cover and shoot the agent when he appears. Run to where you can see a crate and go through the door on the right. Pick up a UVD Disk from one of the boxes, exit through the door on the right and tranq the agent on the left. Look out for a cleaner around this area - if she spots you she'll raise the alarm. Go down the corridor to the end and possess the agent on the right. Go into the room on the right and to the hand scanner under the camera and use it to deactivate it.

Go back to the corridor and pistol-whip the agent by the sensor. Return to your body, quickly tranq the guard you possessed and go to the sensor. Use telekinesis under it and it won't set off the alarms. At the end of the corridor read the notice, then go back through the sensor into the room on the left. Tranq the cleaner and use the computer by the door to turn off the cameras. Read the emails on the other computer and put the movie attachment on the UVD disk. Play the movie file at the other computer. Go back through the sensor and in the door next to the notice to see the movie.





INFILTRATION

■ Use charm and head forward

forward, avoiding the soldiers, to the door at the end on the left (you'll need to recharge on the way, so find cover). Go inside and out the other side then watch the cut-scene. Head up towards the helicopter and use charm again when you get near it to enter its cargo hold. Pick up the **Sniper Rifle** and the **Rusty Key** at the back then go back outside. Still using charm, climb the ladder on the left and climb the platforms to the one below the top. Use telekinesis from here on the switch on the opposite side of the area to lower the bridge. Now climb up to the top and use charm to get past the sniper and run across the bridge. Use charm to get past the next two snipers and drop down then

run to the door at the end and head inside.

■ Crouch down and stick close to the windows to avoid being spotted as you head down the corridor, then use charm just before you reach the outside area. Use the alcoves to recharge in as you head to the stairs. Once at the bottom of them turn to the right and follow the ice to the next area. Keep using charm and head up the stairs on the right. Go through the second door on the right and crawl into the fireplace. Tranq the soldier in the room you get to then charm again and head outside. Continue round to the right and enter the door on the right. Crouch down at one of the windows and snipe the two soldiers in the building

opposite. If soldiers start looking for you just stay in the room and keep away from the windows and they should give up quickly. Now head over to the red brick building and go all the way to the end and round the corner. Look through the window and use telekinesis to move the barrier from the door then go inside. Pick up the **Church Key**. Leave the house and head up the alley to the pier using charm to get past the guards. Use charm and climb the ladder then climb over the railing and shimmy along to get past the crates. Climb back up and run along the walkway and round the corner to find the church.

■ This is where you encounter your first Shock Trooper. These guys have bulletproof shields (but

you can get through them with enough bullets) and are also more resistant to telekinesis and psi-blasts than normal enemies. Take cover to recharge your psi energy if you need to, then use telekinesis on the trooper until your power runs out and his shield will be depleted. Now quickly take out a gun and shoot him. Head through the building and out the gates onto the bridge. Take out your sniper rifle and shoot any soldiers you can see, then continue forward to the church. Take cover behind a gravestone from the Shock Troopers, who appear behind you. Take care of them using the same method as before then head up the steps and through the door into the church.

close



CHILDCARE

■ Head round the corner and through the door at the end. Continue to the next door and head through then follow the child's spirit into the generator room. Use telekinesis to get the generator started again. Now head back to the previous corridor, go round the corner and then through the door on the left. Go up the ramp and round to the left then through the door into the lab. After the cut-scene get low and close to the window so the soldiers don't see you. Wait for the soldier to go and stand on the ramp, then leave the laboratory

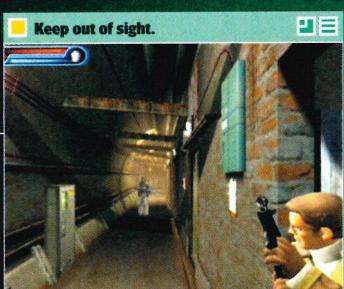
and use a tranquilliser in order to knock him out.

■ Use charm and leave the room, heading back into the generator room. Use projection, head up the stairs and possess the soldier. Go to the door, use the hand scanner and enter the room. Head up the ramp and over to the computer on the left. Access it and press the button with the hand symbol on it. All the hand scanners will now recognise any hand. If you have time, shoot some of the soldiers in this room before going back to your body. If you don't manage to kill all the soldiers use possession again on one of them, as you definitely want to kill the Shock Trooper before you venture into the room yourself. Once there's only one soldier left head up the stairs and take him out. Go to the computer again, read all the memos, get the map and turn off the cameras. Go through the door

opposite to the one where you first came in and go down the stairs. Tranq the soldier, use the hand scanner to open all the cells and head to the other end of the corridor, then go through the door on the left.

■ Head right and go through the next door to see a group of soldiers trying to kill two children. Shoot them all then watch the cut-scene. Now go back up to the control centre to see another child fending off the soldiers. Kill them and use charm on the kid to calm him down. Now follow the spirit back downstairs to the second cell area. Open them up with the hand scanner and head to the one near the other end to find Nadja. Follow her to find Dr Grienko, killing or charming your way past any soldiers you encounter. Don't worry about Nadja, she'll turn invisible if you run into any trouble. Once you reach the locked door in the control centre you're there.

close



CONFRONTATION

■ You're now back in the viewing room so get your psi-blast ready and wait by the entrance. Use it as the agents come in and pick up the **Elevator Key** that one of them drops (kick them a few times if it hasn't been dropped). Head down the corridor on the left and call one of the lifts then get inside. Once you get out

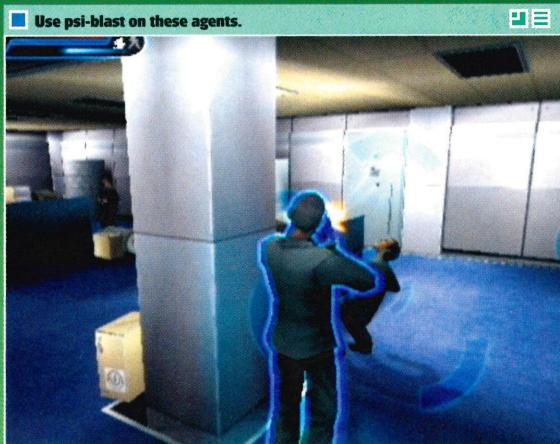
of the lift use projection and possess one of the agents round the corner. Kill the other one then enter the room on the right and kill everyone in here too. Go back to your body and enter the room to kill the remaining agent then go through the door over on the left. Use projection again in this room and head out into the

corridor to possess one of the agents. Kill as many enemies as you can then return to your body and head into the corridor. Finish off any remaining agents and go through the doors ahead.

■ You'll now face some psychic soldiers who have the same powers as you and aren't afraid to use them. The best attack to use

is the psi-attack and psi-blast as that's what they use too. They also run off and heal if their energy gets too low so don't let them. You'll face one to begin with then two at the same time. Once you've dealt with them all, kill the agent who appears at the door and head down the corridor and through the door to Hanson.

close



REDEMPTION

■ Use a psi-blast to take care of the Shock Troopers and then leave the room and go over to the door that leads to the generator room. Get on the elevator at the bottom of the stairs and ride it down to the lower level.

■ Head along the corridor then kill the Shock Trooper in the room on the left and speak to the scientist. Use the hand scanner and then project and run into the next room. Possess the nearest Trooper and shoot the others, then return to your body. Use the hand scanner again, then head into the room and finish off the final Trooper. The door at the other end will open now, so head through and then watch the cut-scene.

■ Once it's finished you'll be back in the interrogation room of the medical facility. When the door is eventually unlocked you need to make your way to the room where you first woke up. Press the button to open the door and then step inside. After another cut-scene you'll find yourself back in the underground base, so make your way down the stairs and then possess the Shock Trooper at the bottom. Kill as many enemies as you can and return to your body, then finish off the rest of them so that the door opens.

■ Go through the door and another cut-scene will start, after which you'll be back in the hospital. Head forward and fight your way through the high

security area to Jayne's room. You'll then find yourself back at the base again. Head forward then stop and use projection, as possession is again useful here. Head into the cave and go along the scaffolding to the first trooper and then possess him.

■ Head down and take out as many enemies as you possibly can before returning to your body. Go down the scaffolding again and take out any remaining troopers. Go into the tunnel at the bottom and watch another cut-scene, after which you'll find yourself in the Agency building again.

■ Round the corner and go through the door, and then watch another cut-scene before being sent back to the base

again. Go through the door into the next area, where you will find Hanson. After the cut-scene finishes the room will be absolutely swamped with soldiers. Quickly run to the cells to open them and then the children will help you fight. Your psi-energy recharges much faster now so use psi-blast as much as possible in order to clear large groups of soldiers, especially when the Shock Troopers arrive.

■ Once all the soldiers are defeated the kids will destroy the glass protecting Hanson. Now sit back and watch as the kids get their revenge and the final movie plays out. Congratulations! You've beaten the game, and it's time to bask in the glory!

close

WELCOME TO ADVANCE....

Star warring across the universe, only going forward because we can't do standfirs. Can't rhyme properly either. Never mind! Take these games, mix them in a blender – what have you got? A very expensive mess.



ADVANCE

Still the world's favourite handheld console...

STAR WARS TRILOGY:
APPRENTICE OF THE FORCE

*Force of
nurture*



STAR WARS VIDEOGAMES have had a rough history, but over the last few months the role of the films and the games has reversed. That is to say, the new films are crap while the games are actually good. See *Knights Of The Old Republic* and *Star Wars: Battlefront* for proof of this. So how about this new GBA game then? It looks similar to the old JVC Super Star Wars titles that were released on the SNES many moons ago, and this can only be a good thing.

Happily, this game is set through the events of the original films. You'll start off moaning about wanting to pick up power converters and end up as a black-suited Jedi Knight. While certain

liberties have been taken with the storyline – Luke slaughtering hundreds of Storm Troopers in Mos Eisley for instance, we're not complaining as it would have been pretty boring to sit at a dinner table watching your auntie play with a futuristic Soda Stream. So it's a side-scrolling beat-'em-up – we'd be tempted to say platformer, but the truth is that this is all blast, blast, splash... with only a little bit of jumping breaking it all up.

Graphics-wise it doesn't amaze, but it does the job okay. The character animation is clearly lifted from the GBA *Prince Of Persia* title – it's butter cream smooth all the way, and the backgrounds are true to the film sets. They're nice and clear at

Five years from now will there be a Special Edition with more rip-offs of Asteroids but with better graphics?

Shoot him in the ass! It's the least protected part on a Stormtrooper uniform. True, saw it on a DVD...

the worst of times, and when on some levels the whole screen is smoldering from laser fire, you'll be appreciative. The sound isn't entirely without fault either, but you'll recognize the tunes and the sound effects bring a smile to your face.

While this is superbly presented and it is quite wonderful to be playing a *Star Wars* game that isn't hideous, the problem is that it does nothing special. It's shooting in the *Star Wars* universe, and while some ship levels break up the action, it's not long until you're wondering about what other games you have hidden in your fruit bowl.

CUBE

INFO

PUBLISHER: UBISOFT

DEVELOPER: LUCASARTS

GENRE: PLATFORMER

PLAYERS: 1-2

STATS

OLD FASHIONED SCROLLING

PLAY ALL THREE FILMS

**CUBE
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7.0**

Look, no strings...



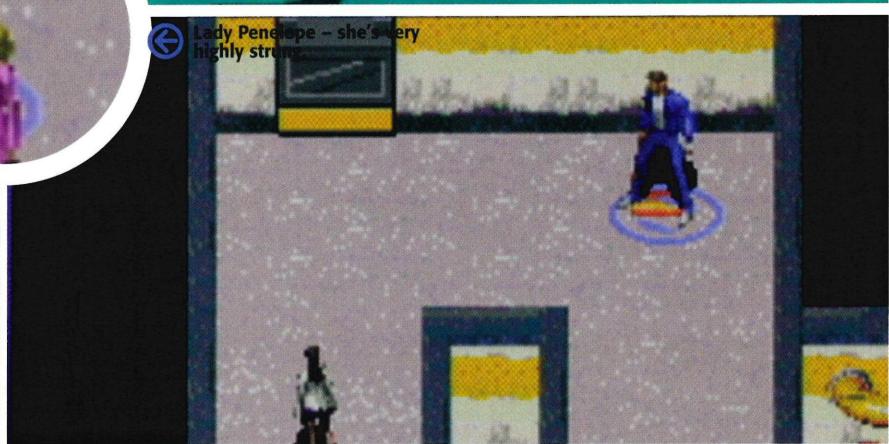
HEE, HEE, YES ALAN. GO FIND THE BLUE KEYCARD IN THE STORAGE TUNNELS AND



You could just run into the flames.



Thunderbird 1 – glorified fire extinguisher.



Lady Penelope – she's very highly strung

THUNDERBIRDS

CUBE
INFO
PUBLISHER: VIVENDI
DEVELOPER: SAFFIRE
GENRE: ACTION
PLAYERS: 1
RELEASE: OUT NOW

STATS
■ PLAY AS THE 3 CHARACTORS
■ PILOT THE THUNDERBIRDS

WELL, THIS IS what we should have been expecting. *Thunderbirds: THE GAME!* Yes! Control three characters – separately or together. Jump over small gaps, roll through air ducts, manipulate things using telekinesis powers, fly through the air and explore the depths of the ocean in your Thunderbirds! It sounds great. But... the controls. ARGH! Honestly, this has to be the clumsiest, most cumbersome system we've used since Windows ME. You want to quickly shift through the characters in order for them to – yes, stand on switches? Well, press select, □, – oops, press □ again. Then select. Right, now do it... Ah, we've been toasted by a flame that WE COULDN'T SEE. Right, so we'll go around this corner... d'oh! Fallen down the hole. We can't explain this properly... the mechanics are there, but it's just such an

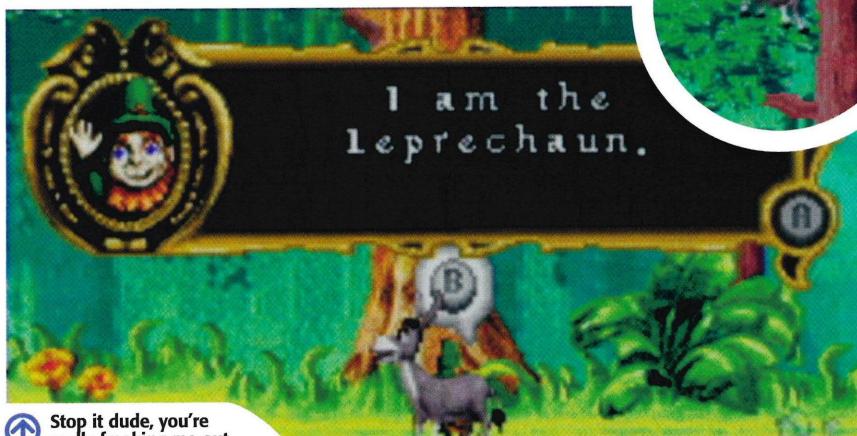
utter waste of time. Why would the place you live in – your home – have an underground tunnel system with dangerous flames and holes and traps that contains a – get this – a blue keycard? It doesn't make sense. We don't care. Nobody can possibly care. Let's put out some flames using Thunderbird 1's water-missiles! Why is every ship in the Atlantic on fire? This is all just wrong. Okay, maybe this is too vitriolic. Maybe there are *Thunderbird* fans who want to pounce around a burning oil rig watching out for gap. But we don't understand these people. They're scary – like those kids you see who wear t-shirts branding the legend 'I hate you very much'. Or 'You laugh at me because I'm different. I laugh at you because you're all the same'. No. We laugh at you because you're a self-important buffoon. Okay! Sorry. Don't buy this.

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A nugget of purest green

SHREK 2



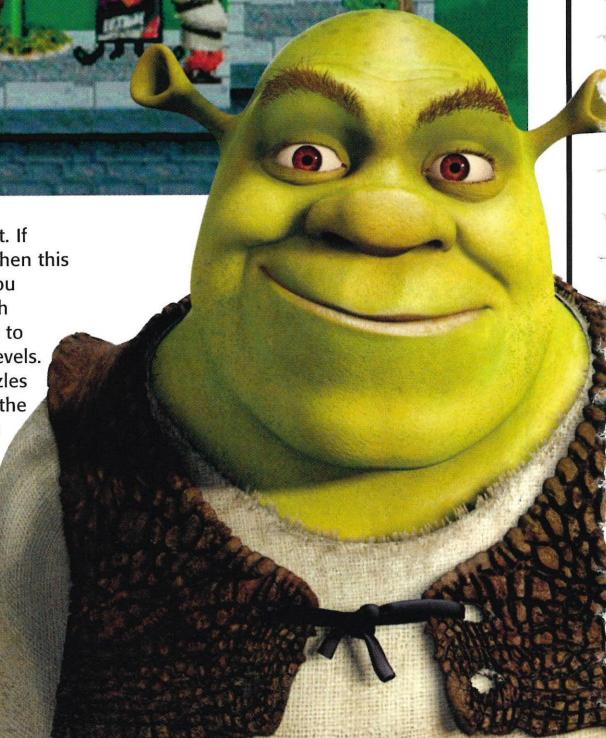
↑ Stop it dude, you're really freaking me out.

AS FAR AS licensed platformers go, this ain't half bad, you know. Admittedly, the pace is slow, and having to switch your characters around all the time to use their special skills (Puss in Boots can cling to walls, Shrek can lift objects up and Donkey can kick, to name but a few) in order to progress through the levels can become tiresome. But the level design is surprisingly well thought-out (although don't expect it to be too taxing, bearing the target audience in mind) and seeing the sights from the film is reason enough to progress.

Ah yes, the graphics. Instead of the queer stylings we've been treated to from THQ, these sprites are based on the film design,

and they look lovely. And really, that's it. If you've played *The Lost Vikings* before then this is kind of a watered-down version. If you haven't, then listen up: as we said, each character has a different skill, and have to help each other to move through the levels. It can get frustrating, but all of the puzzles are logical. The only real problems are the repetition and plodding speed. But this can be kind of pleasant in a chilled out way. Not astounding in any sense of the word, but not bad either. And certainly better thought out than *Thunderbirds*. See, film licenses aren't always a kiss of death.

CUBE
RATING
7.0





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Crash	Fun3248	Please Pick Up!	Fun3265
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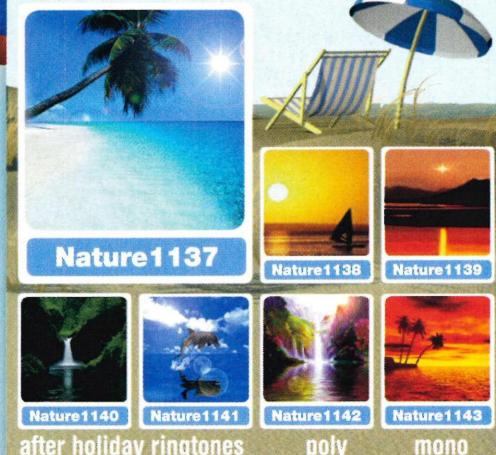
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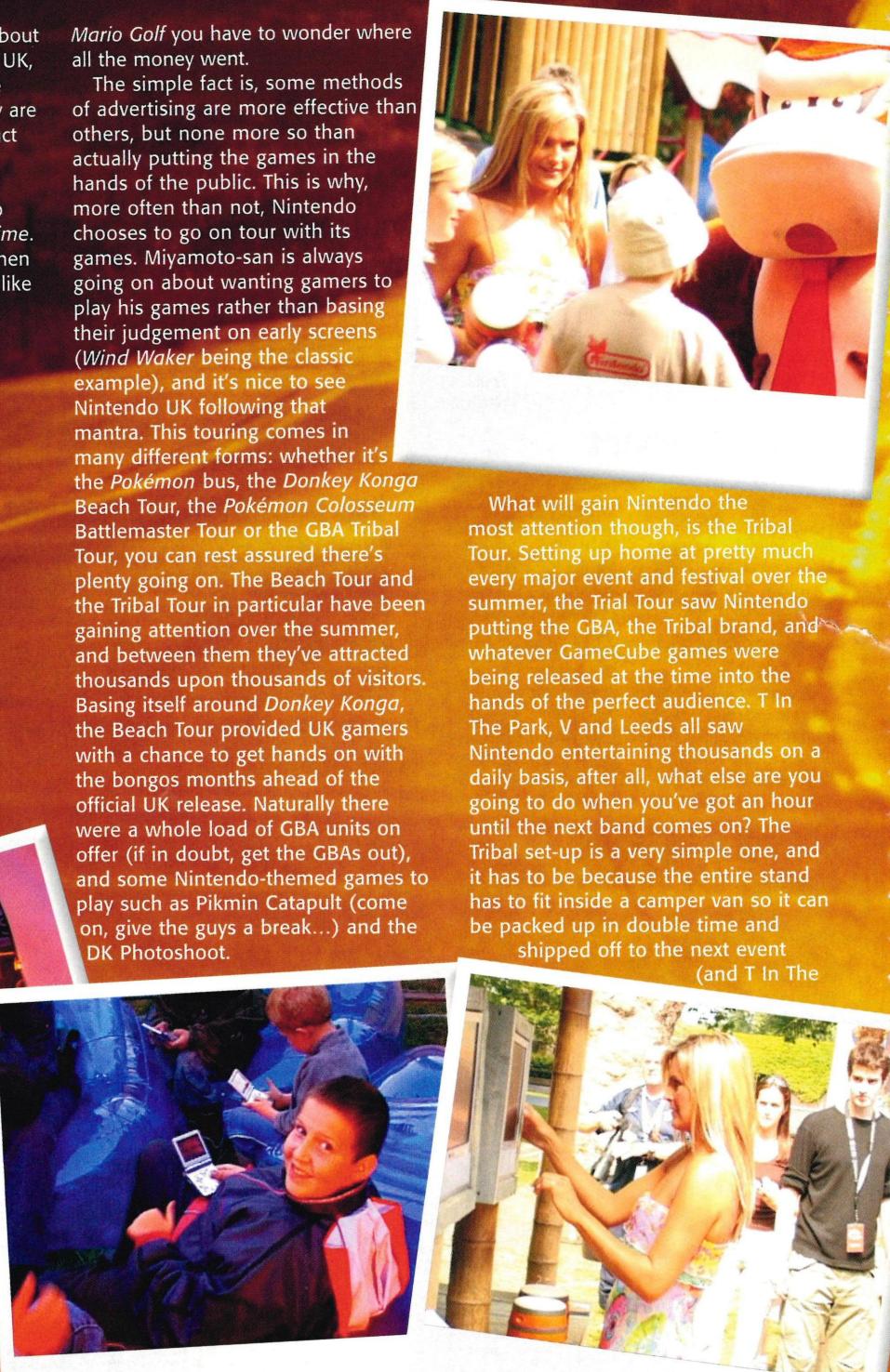
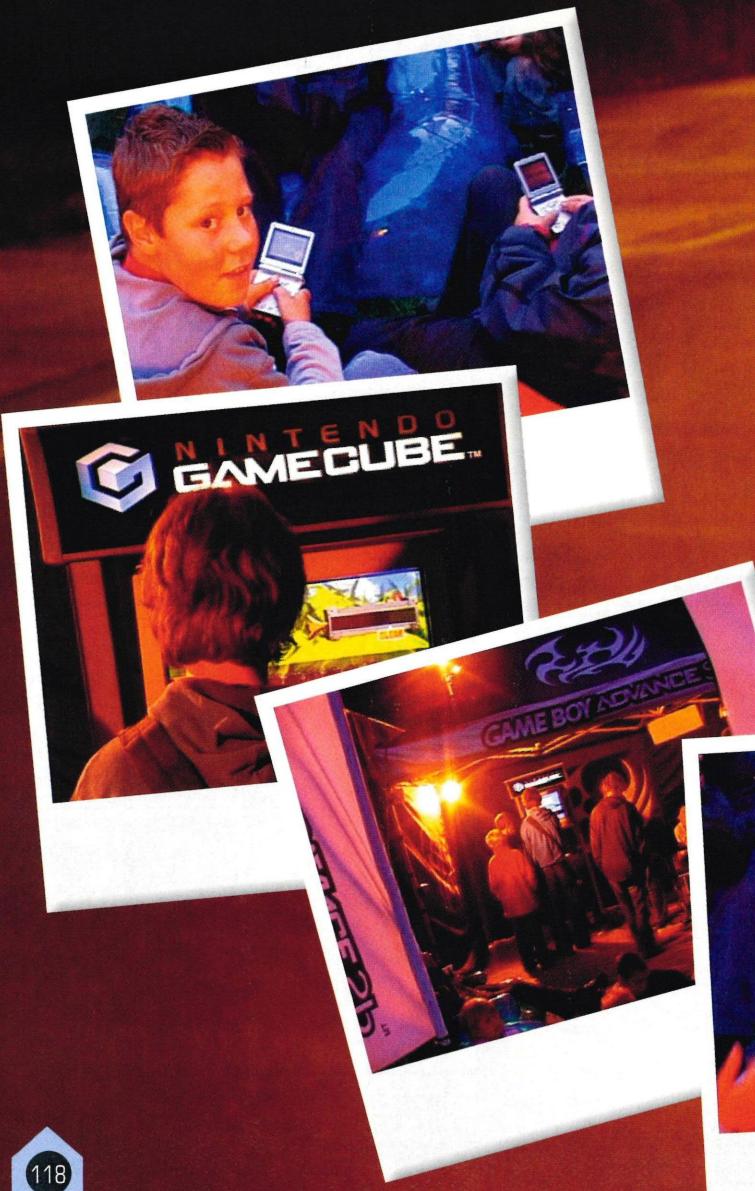
Staying out for the summer

IT'S EASY TO sit back and moan about Nintendo's lack of promotion in the UK, but despite what you may think, the promotional wheels of the company are constantly on overdrive. Every product has a launch and an extensive ad campaign – you may not always be aware of it, but it's there. It's easy to believe with a game like *Metroid Prime*. You all no doubt saw the adverts when they were on TV, but for something like

Mario Golf you have to wonder where all the money went.

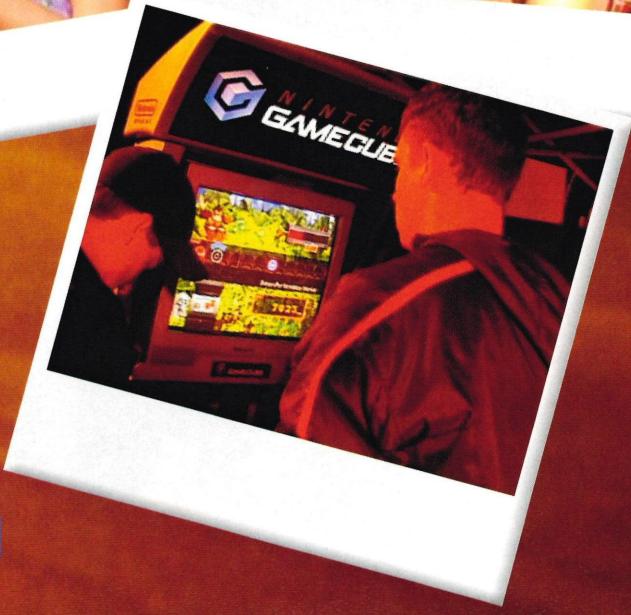
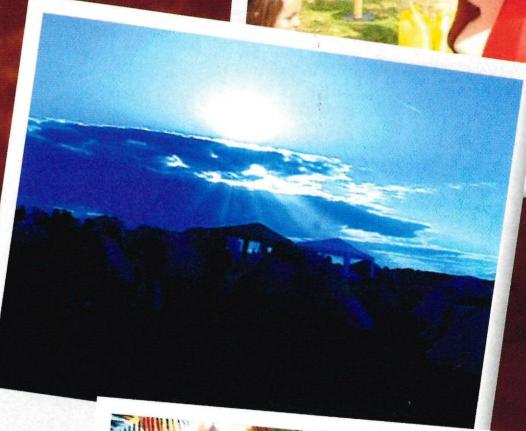
The simple fact is, some methods of advertising are more effective than others, but none more so than actually putting the games in the hands of the public. This is why, more often than not, Nintendo chooses to go on tour with its games. Miyamoto-san is always going on about wanting gamers to play his games rather than basing their judgement on early screens (*Wind Waker* being the classic example), and it's nice to see Nintendo UK following that mantra. This touring comes in many different forms: whether it's the *Pokémon* bus, the *Donkey Konga* Beach Tour, the *Pokémon Colosseum* Battlemaster Tour or the GBA Tribal Tour, you can rest assured there's plenty going on. The Beach Tour and the Tribal Tour in particular have been gaining attention over the summer, and between them they've attracted thousands upon thousands of visitors. Basing itself around *Donkey Konga*, the Beach Tour provided UK gamers with a chance to get hands on with the bongos months ahead of the official UK release. Naturally there were a whole load of GBA units on offer (if in doubt, get the GBAs out), and some Nintendo-themed games to play such as *Pikmin Catapult* (come on, give the guys a break...) and the DK Photoshoot.

What will gain Nintendo the most attention though, is the Tribal Tour. Setting up home at pretty much every major event and festival over the summer, the Trial Tour saw Nintendo putting the GBA, the Tribal brand, and whatever GameCube games were being released at the time into the hands of the perfect audience. T In The Park, V and Leeds all saw Nintendo entertaining thousands on a daily basis, after all, what else are you going to do when you've got an hour until the next band comes on? The Tribal set-up is a very simple one, and it has to be because the entire stand has to fit inside a camper van so it can be packed up in double time and shipped off to the next event
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ON TOUR

"NINTENDO LITERALLY HAD AN ENTIRE BEACH PARTY GOING ON AT GAMESTARS LIVE"



Park is at the other side of the country to V, so it's a long way to go).

Consisting of a marquee, a fence, GameCube pods, GBAs (connected to an attendant's belt), plenty of soft cushions, a Tribal tattoo artist (we saw so many people walking around with Tribal tattoos) and four 10-foot high flags, the Tribal set-up does what it needs to.

Possibly the biggest event this year was the GameStars Live stand that was on show between 1-5 September at

Excel, London Docklands. Nintendo literally had an entire beach party going on, and we went down to see all the new games and forthcoming releases, (see this months news for more). We'll bring you exclusive footage of the event next month.

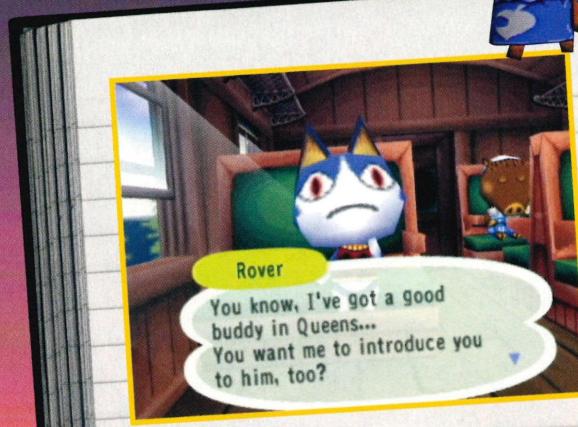
So when you next wonder what exactly Nintendo does with its time, spare a thought for the LIVE team, who are probably getting up at 5am tomorrow to set off for a remote part of Wales...

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DEAR Animal Crossing DIARY

**DOING THE
GARDENING FOR
NEW FRIENDS,
KEEPING FIT AND
THEN FEELING
THE PAIN
AFTERWARDS -
YOU CAN'T SAY
MART ISN'T THE
SOCIAL TYPE.
REALLY, YOU
CAN'T.**

6 SEPTEMBER 2004



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Not being a citizen of the good ol' US of A, I'm not entirely sure that this Labor Day is a proper holiday of sorts. I mean, you work incredibly hard all year round and then a holiday comes along where... you celebrate the fact that you have to work hard all year round. Rubbish.

Admittedly, the fact that Mayor Tortimer's dishing out Shop Models left, right and centre is a bonus but still, what's the point of celebrating something that only other people do?

Considering I can do pretty much whatever I want, whenever I want, I manage to avoid as much actual 'work' in Alfville (bar a few errands and the obligatory weed pulling) as much as possible. Always a good thing, in my opinion.

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Strangely, a quick sort through this morning's mail uncovers a letter from one Mr Gary Adams – no, I've never heard of him either – inviting me to pay him a visit in his home village of Queens. Being the adventurous type, it's an offer I can hardly refuse and soon after loading myself up with fruit and presents for the people I'm likely to meet, I'm jumping on the train to see what excitement can be found just down the line. And what's going on when I get there? Why, it's raining. Combined with the lack of trees, abundance of weeds and dismal weather, the initial impression of Queens, described as a village of joy and love by the man himself, is not good. What's Gary been doing to the place? Not looking after it, from the looks of things – even the wishing well's complaining about a shadow

overcasting areas with a lack of green, which isn't surprising considering how most of the planted trees seem to be in the process of dying.

But then, that's where my green fingers come in handy. Golden shovel in hand, it's off a-plantin' I go – orange trees here, pear trees there and cherry trees everywhere in between. It goes without saying that I dug up a whole load of dead shrubs along the way, as well as making friends with anyone who happened to cross my path until my job was done... and I was soaked through. Still, at least the journey was a productive one and Gary will have plenty of goodness to look forward to. Probably. And the fact that two of my villagers (yes, two) have moved to Queens means I must have done something good over there. Lucky bugger.

23 SEPTEMBER, 2004

Now, as those of you who've been continuously following my little exploits during my time in Alfville will know, I don't 'do' exercise. In the same way that I desperately try to avoid boats, cheese or anything related to Gareth Gates, the idea of outdoor activity – the kind that generally leaves you feeling hot, sweaty and in serious need of some deodorant – really does not appeal to me. In direct contrast to this, my animal chums love nothing more than getting out in the afternoon sun (or indeed, any type of sun) for a spot of energetic fun. Damn their eyes. Of course, it's my total disregard for fitness



MY FAMILY AND OTHER ANIMALS



that would explain my somewhat sour mood today – no sooner have I crawled out of bed and staggered over to the notice board outside my house, that I read a hastily scrawled note pinned right in the middle for all to see. Today's date. Officer Copper's handwriting. Oh, and the announcement of the bi-annual Alfville Sports Fair. Yes, that's right... a fair for sports.

Aww, crap.

With the rest of the village relatively quiet, I was kind of hoping that everyone might have ignored Copper's offer to gather by the wishing well for some all-day sporting festivities and decided to stay in bed, much like I wanted to. Unfortunately, that wasn't to be – creeping down to the wishing well, I found myself not entirely shocked to see that most of the villagers were partaking in the event of the hour: Gymnastics. Gah. All that tumbling and jumping... it's enough to make a man sick to his stomach. Thankfully, nobody seemed to have noticed that I was loitering in the trees so I managed to sneak away without getting dragged into the 'fun'. From what I can make out though, the fair is set to last all day, there's a running race due to start just after 11am, the ball toss event picks up at 1pm and then there's an almighty tug of war leading into the end of the day at 3pm. Thinking about it, the tug of war might be just the thing. I can sit back and let everyone else do the pulling, while still coming away with that precious Autumn Medal at the end of it. It's a tempting thought, but one I suspect I won't get away with – not if Teddy, who's always been a stickler for the rules, has anything to say about it.

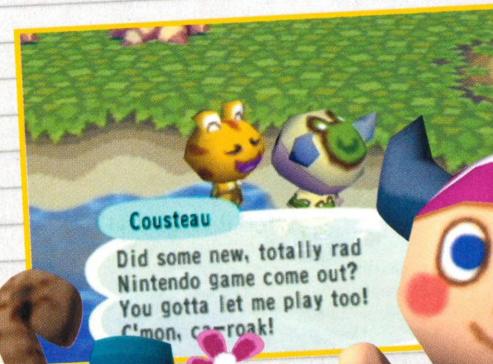
errands. Needless to say, I won't be doing him any favours for a while.

Looking at my calendar, it seems that today is the day of the Harvest Moon festival. Two events in two days? I've never been so fortunate. Thankfully, this one doesn't involve much more than standing around the lake in the evening, looking up at the sky and admiring the beauty that is the moon. Glorious. Once again, everyone's out in force and the village is suitably relaxed. Even Mayor Tortimer is around to hand out a bit of harvest cheer... although how he's managing to carry enough of those giant moon sculptures for everyone in his tiny pockets is completely beyond me. Naturally, I snapped one straight up – I sold my previous moon to Tom Nook a while back, so it's about time that I got something else to take up most of my basement space instead.

Of course, the good news is that by now, all you guys – the lucky readers of **CUBE** who haven't already succumbed to the delights of the *Animal Crossing* world – will be able to head to your local gaming store and pick up a copy for yourself. Even though I've been here in Alfville for what seems like an eternity, I have to say I envy you – the chance to venture into a completely new place, surrounded by faces that all want to meet you and help you make your way in life, is something that really does have to be experienced by all. If you don't do it, you'll regret it for the rest of your life – that, I can guarantee. Still, if you do decide to take a trip to *Animal Crossing*, be sure to look me up. Alfville's not exactly a million miles away and once you're nice and settled, you only have to jump on the train to come and see me.

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Owww... my aching back. Turns out that my luck at avoiding the sporting activities wasn't to be the other day – I accidentally ran into Poncho down by the coast and after a bit of cajoling, he managed to talk me into doing everything. Stupid bear. Surely he should know me well enough by now to realise I'm not a chiselled example of manliness for a reason? Thanks to his interfering, I've barely been able to stand up; not exactly the ideal position to be in when I'd originally planned to spend the day chasing insects with my bug net and running a few



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↑ So everyone stood about and watched somebody try to score with the ladies?



↑ Digging up 1000 bells is great – just hope the supply never ends.



↑ After the full moon everyone turned into werewolves and ripped each other apart.

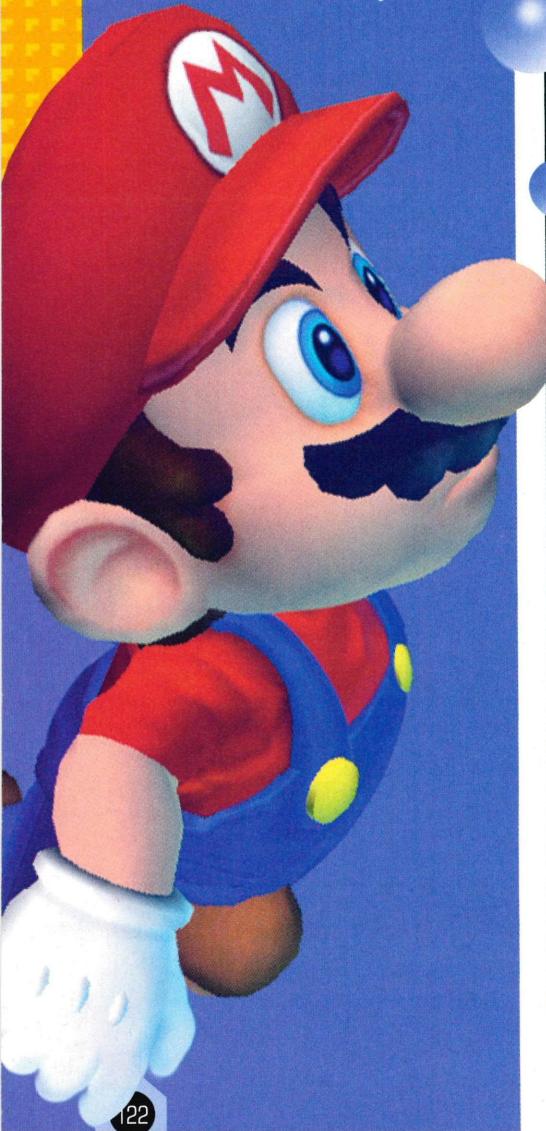
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ISSUE THIRTY SEVEN



Your complete at-a-glance guide to every game CUBE has ever reviewed since the dawn of time. Now that's what we call *The Directory!*



GAME NAME	PUBLISHER	DEVELOPER	PLAYERS	GBA	GUIDE	ISSUE	REVIEW	RATING
007 Everything Or Nothing	EA	In-house	1	N	N	29	PAL	8.2
1080° Avalanche	Nintendo	NSTC	1-8	N	N	26	PAL	9.0
18-Wheeler AM-PRO Trucker	Acclaim	In-house	1-2	N	N	8	PAL	4.4
2002 FIFA World Cup	EA	In-house	1-4	N	N	13	PAL	8.2
Ace Golf	Eidos	Telenet Japan	1-4	N	N	12	PAL	8.1
Agent Under Fire	EA	In-house	1-4	N	Issue 9	7	PAL	6.4
Aggressive Inline	Acclaim	Z-Axis,	1-4	N	Issue 10	10	PAL	9.1
Animal Crossing	Nintendo	In-house	1-4	Y	N	12	NTSC	8.5
Asterix & Obelix XXL	Atari	In-house	1	N	N	34	PAL	5.1
ATV 2	Acclaim	Climax	1-2	N	N	16	PAL	8.1
Barbarian	Virgin	Saffire	1-4	N	N	11	PAL	4.3
Baten Kaitos	Monolith Software	Namco	1	N	N	28	NTSC	8.6
Batman: Dark Tomorrow	Kemco	Hot Gen	1	N	N	20	PAL	3.9
Batman Vengeance	Ubi Soft	In-house	1	N	N	6	PAL	6.2
Battle Houshin	Koei	In-house	1	Y	N	7	NTSC	7.0
Beach Spikers	SEGA	AM2	1-4	N	N	10	PAL	8.0
Beyond Good & Evil	Ubisoft	In-house	1	N	N	29	PAL	9.4
Billy Hatcher And The Giant Egg	SEGA	Sonic Team	1-4	N	N	26	PAL	7.0
Big Air Freestyle	Ubi Soft	In-house	1-2	N	N	14	PAL	4.2
Big Mutha Truckers	Empire	Eutechnyx	1	N	N	18	PAL	8.3
Bionicide	EA	Argonaut	1	N	N	25	PAL	4.4
Black & Bruised	Vivendi	Digital Fiction	1-2	N	N	20	PAL	6.8
Blood Omen 2	Eidos	Crystal Dynamics	1	N	N	15	PAL	7.7
BloodRayne	Vivendi	Terminal Reality	1	N	N	19	PAL	4.0
Bloody Roar: Primal Fury	Activision	Eighting	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	7.0
BMX XXX	Acclaim	Z-Axis	1-2	N	N	14	PAL	4.5
Bomberman Generation	Majesco	Hudson Soft	1-4	N	N	8	NTSC	8.0
Buffy: Chaos Bleeds	Vivendi	Eurocom	1-2	N	N	25	PAL	7.9
Burnout 2: Point Of Impact	Acclaim	Criterion	1-2	N	N	19	PAL	9.3
Burnout	Acclaim	Criterion	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	8.4
Capcom Vs SNK: EO	Capcom	In-house	1-2	N	Issue 10	9	PAL	8.2
Carmen Sandiego	Acclaim	Bam!	1	N	N	30	PAL	7.0
Catwoman	EA	Argonaut	1	N	N	35	PAL	4.0
Cel Damage	EA	In-house	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	4.3
Conan	TDK	Cauldron	1	N	N	32	PAL	4.2
Conflict: Desert Storm	Sci	Pivotal	1-4	N	N	18	PAL	8.2
Conflict Desert Storm 2	Sci	Pivotal	1-2	N	N	25	PAL	8.5
Crash Bandicoot	Vivendi	Eurocom	1	N	N	13	PAL	5.6
Crash Nitro Kart	Vivendi	Vicarious Visions	1-8	N	N	27	PAL	4.8
Crazy Taxi	Acclaim	In-house	1	N	N	6	PAL	7.3
Cubic Lode Runner	Hudson	In-House	1	N	N	23	NTSC	6.2
Custom Robo Battle Revolution	Nintendo	Noise	1-4	N	N		NTSC	8.5
Dakar 2	Acclaim	In-house	1-2	Y	N	17	PAL	9.0
Dark Summit	THQ	Radical	1-2	N	N	8	PAL	6.2
Dave Mirra Freestyle BMX 2	Acclaim	Z-Axis	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	7.4
Dead To Rights	EA	Namco	1	N	N	22	PAL	6.8
Defender	Midway	In-house	1-2	N	N	17	PAL	4.0
Def Jam Vendetta	EA	AKI	1-4	N	N	19	PAL	8.9
Die Hard: Vendetta	Vivendi	Bits Studios	1	N	N	13	PAL	8.2
Disney's Extreme Skate Adventure	Activision	Neversoft	1	N	N	24	PAL	7.0
Disney's Magical Mirror	Nintendo	Capcom	1	Y	N	11	PAL	5.9
Disney Sports Skateboarding	Konami	In-house	1	N	N	12	PAL	4.6
Disney's Tarzan Freeride	Disney Int.	Ubi Soft	1	N	N	6	PAL	5.0
Donald Duck: Quack Attack	Ubi Soft	In-house	1	N	N	6	PAL	6.2

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Donkey Konga	Nintendo	Namco	1-4	N	N	28	NTSC	9.2
Donkey Konga Volume 2: HSP	Nintendo	Namco	1-4	N	N	35	NTSC	9.2
Doshin The Giant	Nintendo	In-house	1	N	N	12	PAL	7.4
Dragon Ball Z: Budokai	Atari	Dimps	1-2	N	N	26	PAL	4.5
Dragon's Lair 3D	THQ	Dragonstone	1	N	N	32	PAL	4.0
Dream Mix TV World Fighters	Hudson	Eighting	1-4	N	N	30	NTSC	3.4
Dr Muto	Midway	In-house	1	N	N	17	PAL	5.0
Driven	Bam!	In-house	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	7.0
Eggo Mania	Kemco	Hot Gen Studios	1-4	N	N	11	PAL	5.2
Enter The Matrix	Infogrames	Shiny	1	N	N	20	PAL	6.8
ESPN INT Winter Sports '02	Konami	In-house	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	6.0
Eternal Darkness	Nintendo	Silicon Knights	1	N	N	12	PAL	9.3
F1 2002	EA	In-house	1-2	N	N	9	PAL	7.6
F1 Career Challenge	EA Sports	In-house	1	N	N	21	PAL	6.4
FIFA 2004	EA	EA Canada	1-4	N	N	26	PAL	8.9
FIFA Football 2003	EA	In-house	1-4	N	N	13	PAL	8.2
Final Fantasy: Crystal Chronicles	Nintendo	Games Des. Studio	1-4	Y	N	30	PAL	9.0
Finding Nemo	THQ	Traveller's Tales	1	N	N	24	PAL	6.1
Fireblade	Midway	Avalanche	1	N	N	16	PAL	6.5
Freedom Fighters	EA	IO Interactive	1-4	N	N	24	PAL	8.0
Freekstyle	EA	Hypnos Ent	1-2	N	N	12	PAL	7.4
F-Zero GX	Nintendo	Amusement Vision	1-4	N	N	23	NTSC	9.4
Gauntlet: Dark Legacy	Midway	In-house	1-4	N	N	10	PAL	4.4
Ghost Recon	Ubi Soft	Red Storm	1-2	N	N	18	PAL	6.5
Giftopia	Nintendo	Skip Ltd.	1	N	N	20	NTSC	7.5
Gladius	Lucasarts	In-house	1	N	N	26	PAL	6.5
Goblin Commander	Jaleco	In-house	1	N	N	30	PAL	6.2
Godzilla: Damm	Infogrames	Pipeworks Studios	1-4	N	N	13	PAL	4.0
GT Cube	MTO	In-House	1	N	N	22	NTSC	4.9
Harry Potter: COS	EA	Eurocom	1	N	N	14	PAL	7.0
Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban	EA	EA	1-4	N	Y	34	PAL	6.8
Harry Potter: Quidditch World Cup	EA Games	In-house	1-2	N	N	27	PAL	6.5
Harvest Moon: A Wonderful Life	Ubisoft	Natsume	1	Y	N	31	PAL	9.0
Hitman 2	Eidos	IO Interactive	1	N	Issue 22	21	PAL	7.9
Hulk	Vivendi	Radical	1	N		21	PAL	6.4
Ikaruga	Atari	Treasure	1-2	N	N	17	PAL	9.0
I-Ninja	Namco	Argonaut	1	N	N	30	NTSC	7.5
ISS 2	Konami	Major A	1-4	N	N	6	PAL	8.2
ISS 3	Konami	KCEO	1-4	N	N	21	PAL	4.9
Jedi Knight II: Jedi Outcast	Activision	LucasArts	1	N	N	14	PAL	4.7
Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	THQ	In-house	1	N	N	18	PAL	4.0
Judge Dredd: D Vs D	Vivendi	Rebellion	1-4	N	N	27	PAL	7.5
Kelly Slater's Pro Surfer	Activision	Treyarch	1-2	N	N	11	PAL	7.6
Kinniku Man 2	Bandai	AKI	1-4	N	N	16	NTSC	8.9
Kirby Air Ride	Nintendo	In-house	1-4	N	N	30	PAL	7.0
Knights Of The Temple	TDK	Star Breeze	1	N	N	31	PAL	5.5
Knockout Kings 2003	EA	In-house	1-2	N	N	14	PAL	7.9
Legend Of Golfer	Nintendo	Seta	1-4	N	N	35	NTSC	7.0
Legend Of Zelda: Four Swords +	Nintendo	In-House	1-4	Y	N	32	NTSC	9.4
Legend Of Zelda: Wind Waker	Nintendo	In-house	1	Y	Issue 19	19	PAL	9.5
Legends Of Wrestling 2	Acclaim	In-house	1-4	N		15	PAL	4.0
Legends Of Wrestling	Acclaim	In-house	1-4	N	N	7	PAL	4.6
Looney Tunes Back In Action	EA	Warthog	1	N	N	31	PAL	6.0
Lost Kingdoms	Activision	From Software	1	N	N	8	PAL	7.0
LOTRs: Return Of The King	EA	In-house	1-2	N	N	26	PAL	5.8
LOTR: The Two Towers	EA	In-house	1	N	N	16	PAL	7.7
Luigi's Mansion	Nintendo	In-house	1	N	Issue 1	6	PAL	7.8
Madden 2004	EA Sports	In-house	1-4	N		23	PAL	8.8
Mario Golf: Toadstool Tour	Nintendo	Camelot	1-4	N	N	33	PAL	8.0
Mario Kart: Double Dash!	Nintendo	In-house	1-16	N	N	26	PAL	9.4
Mario Party 4	Nintendo	Hudson	1-4	N	N	13	PAL	9.0
Mario Party 5	Nintendo	Hudson	1-4	N	N	27	PAL	7.0
Matt Hoffman's Pro BMX 2	Activision	Rainbow Studios	1-2	N	N	11	PAL	8.2
Medal Of Honor: Frontline	EA	In-house	1-4	N	Issue 15	14	PAL	8.6
Medal Of Honor: Rising Sun	EA	In-house	1-4	N		25	PAL	9.0
Mega Man Anniversary Collection	Capcom	Atomic Planet	1	N	N	36	PAL	8.5
Mega Man Network Transmission	Capcom	In-House	1	N	N	22	PAL	7.9
Men In Black II: Alien Escape	Infogrames	Melbourne House	1	N	N	16	PAL	4.2
Metal Arms	Vivendi Universal	Swiggin' Ape Studios	1-4	No	No	27	PAL	7.9
Metal Gear Solid: The Twin Snakes	Konami	Silicon Knights	1	N	N	30	PAL	8.9
Metroid Prime	Nintendo	Retro Studios	1	Y	Issue 18	17	PAL	9.6
Micro Machines	Infogrames	Sheffield House	1-4	N		16	PAL	5.2

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MONKEYS

Monkeys are the funniest animals. FACT. And if you've seen the DVD you'll see why, even ex-Blue Peter presenter Katie Hill agrees: "I freaking love them crazy little buggers."

DONKEY KONG



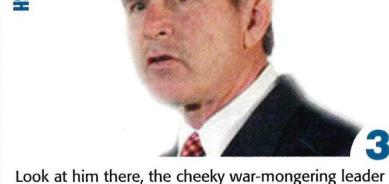
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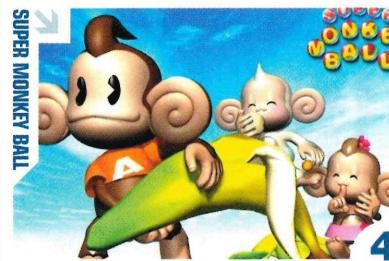
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GEORGE BUSH



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SUPER MONKEY BALL



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THE ONE IN MARIO WARE



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In one of the microgames you are presented with this monkey sliding down a tree. Hit it fast enough and he'll jump upwards from tree to tree until he reaches the prize at the top – a big bunch of bananas.

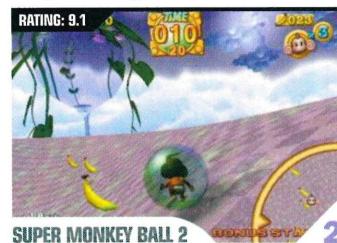
PARTY GAMES

Tired of *Monopoly*? Lost most of the reds for *Connect Four*? Cat choked on the saddle bag from *Buckaroo*? Sod board games then, turn on your GameCube and load one of these babies up.



DONKEY KONGA 2

Hit Song Parade is such an improvement on the first one that it beggars belief that Nintendo didn't use it as the template for the Euro edition of the first one (reviewed in this issue). Better songs than the PAL release too.



SUPER MONKEY BALL 2

Do you want some of the most enjoyable four player party games? You do? Cool. Then join us in rolling the little fellas until their inner-ears get all mixed up and they get dizzy and throw up.



MARIO PARTY 4

Taking board game mechanics and stuffing in a whole load of mini-games, *Mario Party 4* is the finest, most refined of all of Mario's parties. Remember that one when Luigi drank too much and ended up puking in the bath?



WARIO WARE

Over 200 microgames testing speed and accuracy and it's four-player, *Wario Ware* might be the ultimate party game. Ingenious multiplayer modes (and some silly ones) that make winning the games quite tactical.



PUYO POP FEVER

This may only be for two people and those two people may start out as friends, but by the end of a few rounds they will hate each other with such venom that they'll have to have One More Go. Great *Tetris*-with-ammunition fun.

GAME NAME	PUBLISHER	DEVELOPER	PLAYERS	GBA	GUIDE	ISSUE	REVIEW	RATING
Minority Report	Activision	Treyarch	1-2	N	N	15	PAL	5.0
Mission: Impossible Operation Surma	Atari	Melbourne House	1	N	N	31	PAL	6.7
Mobile Suit Gundam: Pilot's Locus	Bandai	In-House	1	N	N	32	NTSC	5.8
Mortal Kombat: DA	Midway	In-house	1-2	N	N	15	PAL	8.6
Mr Driller Drill Land	Namco	In-house	1-2	Y	N	17	NTSC	8.8
MX Superfly	THQ	Pacific Coast	1-2	N	N	11	PAL	7.1
Naruto 2	Tomy Dream Energy	Eighting	1-4	N	N	31	NTSC	7.0
NBA 2K3	Infogrames	Nintendo	1-4	N	N	8	PAL	6.8
NBA Live 2004	EA	In-house	1-4	N	N	26	PAL	7.3
NBA Street	EA	NFX	1-2	N	N	6	NTSC	8.4
Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit 2	EA	In-house	1-2	N	N	12	PAL	5.3
Need for Speed Underground	EA	Black Box	1-2	N	N	26	PAL	6.5
NFL Quarterback Club 2002	Acclaim	In-house	1-8	N	N	4	PAL	6.1
NFL Street	EA	EA Big	1-2	N	N	29	PAL	8.6
NHL 2004	EA	EA Sports	1-4	N	N	24	PAL	8.5
NHL Hitz 2002	Midway	Blackbox Games	1-4	N	N	6	PAL	8.4
NHL Hitz 2003	Midway	In-house	1-4	N	N	14	PAL	8.4
NHL Hitz 20-03	Midway	Blackbox	1-4	N	N	11	NTSC	8.6
Nightfire	EA	In-house	1-4	N	N	14	PAL	7.9
Nintendo Puzzle Collection	Nintendo	In-house	1-4	Y	N	17	NTSC	7.0
One Piece Treasure Battle	Bandai	In-house	1-4	N	N	15	NTSC	5.8
Outlaw Golf	THQ	Hypnotix	1-2	N	N	19	PAL	7.9
Pac-Man Fever	Namco	In-house	1-4	N	N	12	PAL	5.7
Pac-Man Vs	Namco	In-house	1-4	Y	N	28	NTSC	8.8
Pac-Man World 2	Namco	In-house	1	N	N	16	PAL	4.2
Pac-Man World 2 (import)	Namco	In-house	1	N	N	5	NTSC	6.1
Paper Mario: The Thousand Year Door	Nintendo	Intelligent Systems	1	N	N	36	NTSC	9.4
Phantasy Star Online I+II	Infogrames	Sonic Team	1-4	N	N	16	PAL	7.5
Phantasy Star Online III C.A.R.D.	SEGA	In-house	1-2	N	N	33	PAL	6.0
Pikmin	Nintendo	In-house	1	N	Issue 7/8	7	PAL	9.0
Pikmin 2	Nintendo	In-house	1-2	N		33	NTSC	9.3
Pitfall: The Lost Expedition	Edge Of Reality	In-house	1	N	N	30	PAL	7.8
P.N.O3	Capcom	In-House	1	N	Issue 23	23	PAL	8.2
Pokémon Box	Nintendo	In-house	1	N		21	NTSC	2.9
Pokémon Channel	Nintendo	In-house	1	N	N	30	PAL	8.0
Pokémon Colosseum	Nintendo	Genius Sonority	1-4	Y	N	32	PAL	8.6
Pool Paradise	Ignition Ent.	Awesome Studios	2	N	N	31	PAL	8.0
Prince Of Persia: The Sands Of Time	Ubisoft	Ubisoft Montreal	1	N	N	29	PAL	9.3
Pro Rally	Ubi Soft	In-house	1-2	N	N	13	PAL	5.9
Puyo Pop Fever	SEGA	Sonic Team	1-4	N	N	30	PAL	7.8
Rainbow Six 3	Ubisoft	In-house	1-2	N	N	34	PAL	8.2
Rally Championship	Sci	Warthog	1-4	N	N	17	PAL	6.8
Rayman 3 Hoodlum Havoc	Ubi Soft	In-house	1	N	N	16	PAL	8.1
Red Faction II	THQ	Cranky Pants Games	1-4	N	N	20	PAL	7.8
Redcard	Midway	Point Of View	1-2	N	N	9	PAL	7.2
Reign Of Fire	Bam!	In-house	1-2	N	N	13	PAL	8.0
Resident Evil 2	Capcom	In-house	1	N	N	9	PAL	6.0
Resident Evil	Capcom	In-house	1	N	Iss.11	10	PAL	9.0
Resident Evil Code: Veronica X	Capcom	In-house	1	N		30	PAL	7.1
Resident Evil: Nemesis	Capcom	In-house	1	N	N	19	PAL	7.0
Resident Evil Zero	Capcom	In-house	1	N	N	16	PAL	9.0
Robocop	Avalon	Avalon	1-2	No	No	34	PAL	5.4
Robotek: Battlecry	TDK	Mediative	1-2	N	N	13	NTSC	8.0
Rockman EXE Transmission	Capcom	Akira	1	N	N	18	PAL	8.0
Rocky	Rage	Steel Monkeys	1-2	N	N	1	PAL	8.3
Rogue Ops	Kemco	Bits Studio	1	N	N	28	PAL	8.1
Rogue Squadron III: Rebel Strike	Activision	Factor 5	1-2	N	Y	26	PAL	9.0
R: Racing Evolution	EA	Namco	1-2	N	N	29	Pal	8.4
Samurai Jack: The Shadow Of Aku	SEGA	Adrenium Games	1	N	N	33	PAL	6.1
Scooby Doo!	THQ	Heavy Iron Studios	1-2	N	N	13	PAL	5.2
Scooby Doo Mystery Mayhem	THQ	Art. Mind & Move	1	N	N	31	PAL	6.6
Second Sight	Codemasters	Free Radical	1	N	N	36	PAL	8.6
SEGA Soccer Slam	SEGA	Blackbox Games	1-4	N	N	11	PAL	9.0
Serious Sam: Second Encounter	Take 2	Climax	1-4	N	N	32	PAL	8.0
Shikigami No Shiro II	KSG	Alfa System	1-2	N	N	27	NTSC	7.2
Shrek 2	Activision	Luxoflux	1-4	No	No	34	PAL	7.8
Simpsons Road Rage	EA	Radical Ent	1-2	N	N	6	PAL	7.5
Smashing Drive	Namco	Point Of View	1-2	N	N	5	PAL	3.8
Skies Of Arcadia Legends	SEGA	Owerworks	1	N	Issue 20	20	PAL	9.0
Summoner: A Goddess Reborn	THQ	Volition	1	N		17	PAL	6.0
Smuggler's Run: Warzones	Take Two	Rockstar	1-4	N	N	1	PAL	7.1
Sonic Adventure 2: Battle	SEGA	Sonic Team	1-2	Y	N	6	PAL	7.6
Sonic Adventure DX	SEGA	Sonic Team	1	Y	N	20	PAL	6.1

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GAMECUBE

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GAME NAME	PUBLISHER	DEVELOPER	PLAYERS	GBA	GUIDE	ISSUE	REVIEW	RATING
Sonic Mega Collection	SEGA	In-house	1-2	N	N	15	PAL	8.0
Sonic Heroes	SEGA	Sonic Team	1-4	N	N	29	PAL	7.0
Soul Calibur 2	Nintendo	Namco	1-2	N	Y	24	NTSC	9.2
Spawn: Armageddon	EA/Namco	Point Of View	1	N	N	30	PAL	5.3
Speed Kings	Acclaim	Climax	1-2	N	N	21	PAL	6.7
Sphinx And The Cursed Mummy	THQ	Eurocom	1	N	N	29	Pal	8.7
Spider-Man 2	Activision	Treyarch	1	N	N	35	Pal	8.8
Spider-Man: The Movie	Activision	Treyarch	1	N	N	7	PAL	6.0
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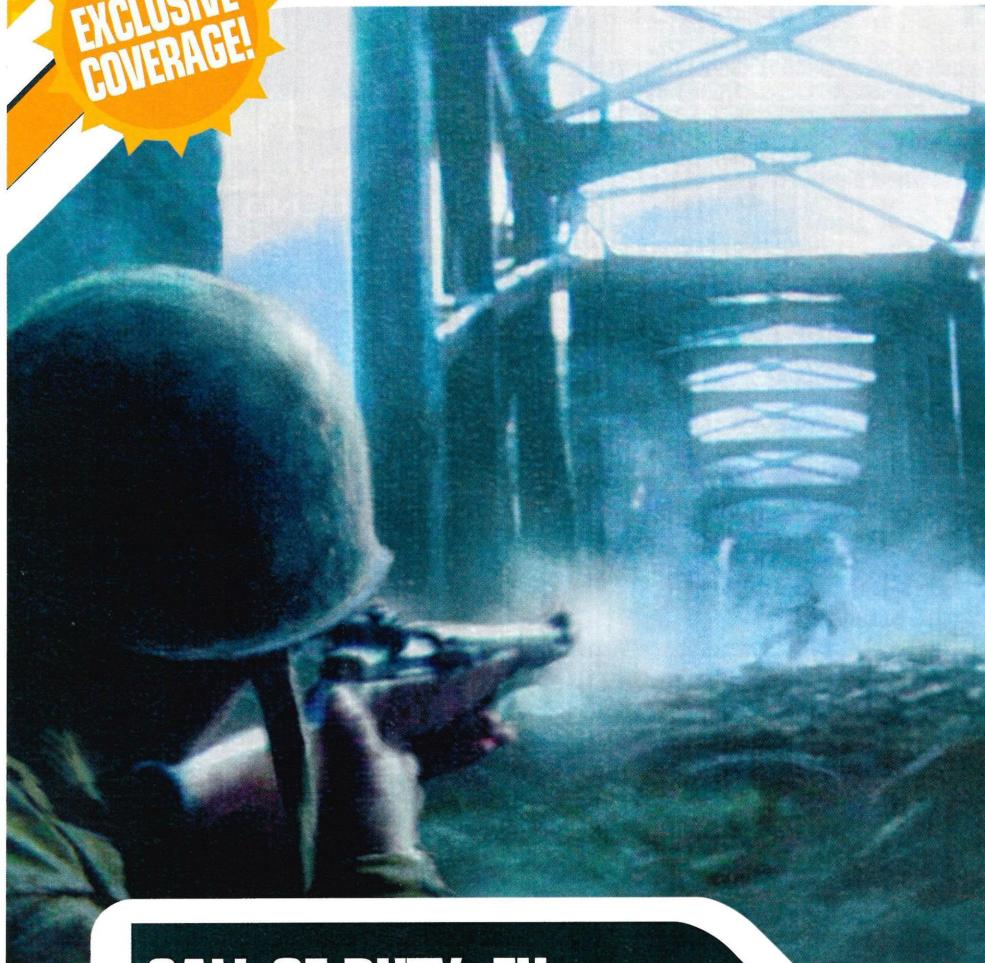


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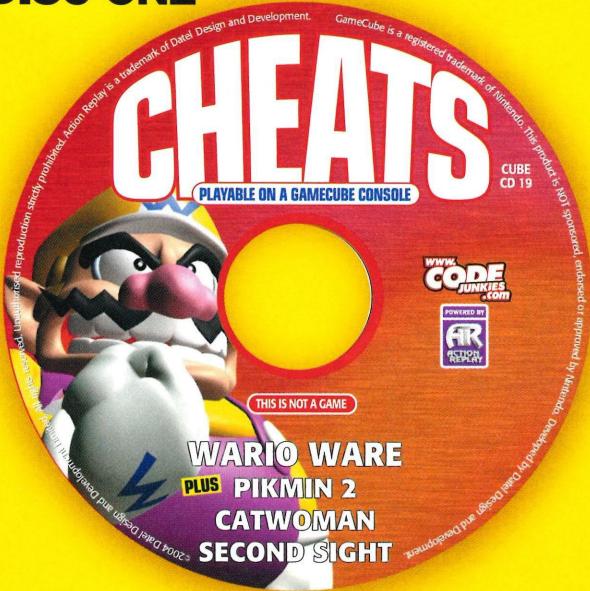
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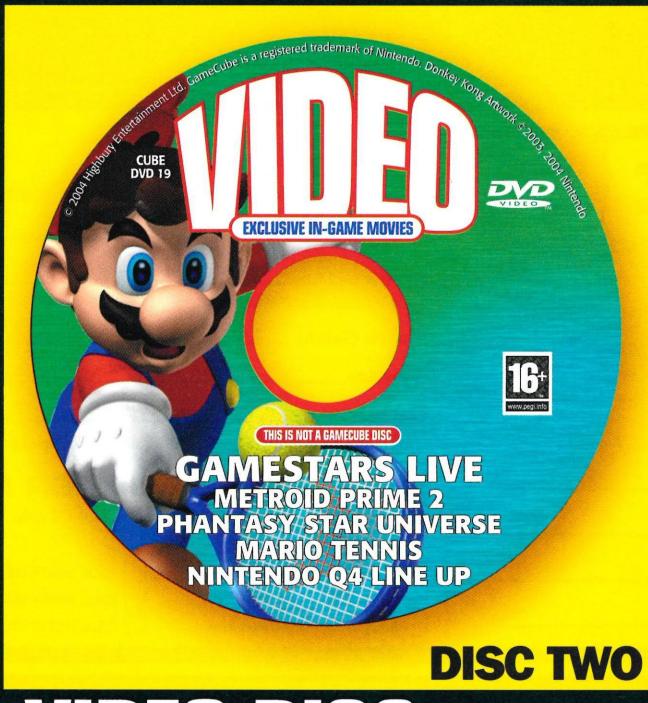
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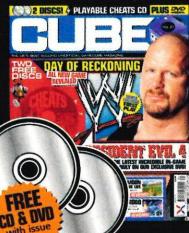
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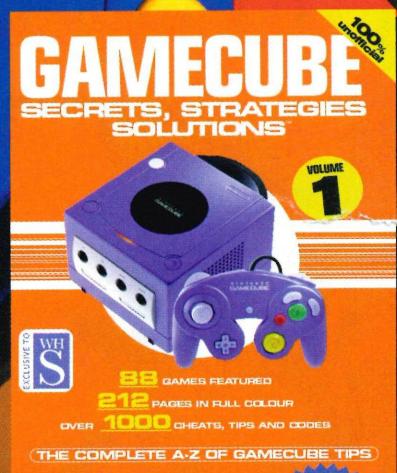
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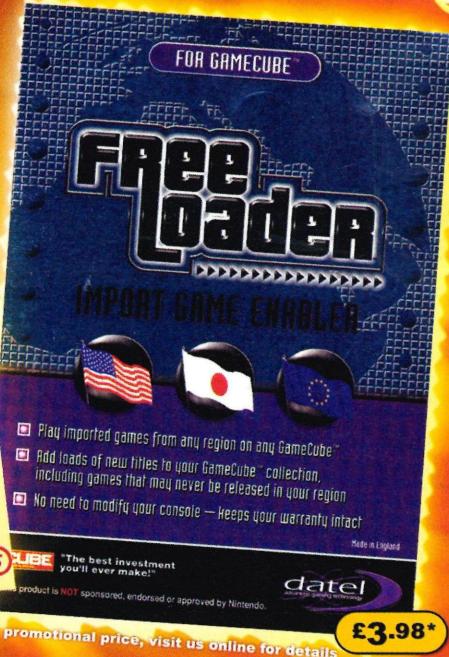
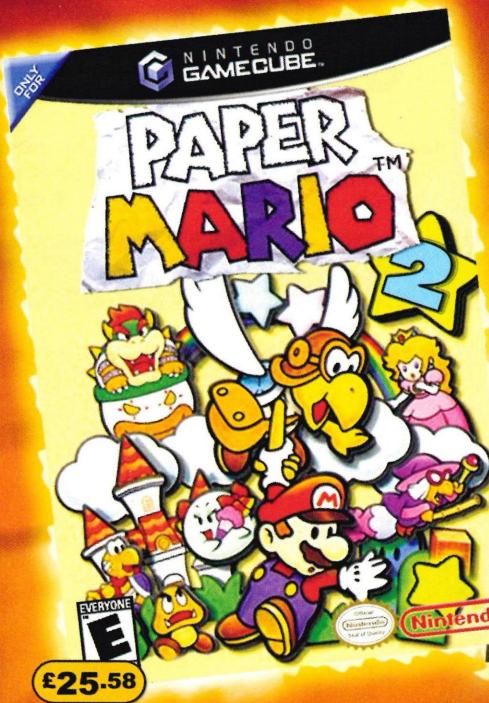
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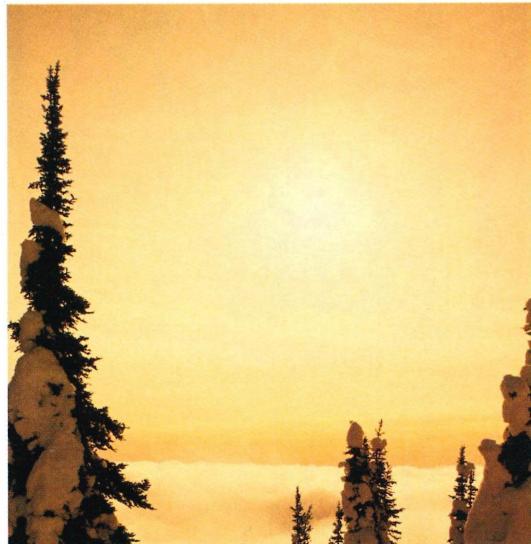
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GAMES CAUSE SUN TO CRASH INTO THE EARTH

The Sun is going to crash into the Earth, and it's all down to videogames according to shocking new revelations.

Dave Bagnall, from Tettenhall, West Midlands, hit upon the sensational theory while working as plasterer in late 1999 but has waited until now to share the information that will send shockwaves across the globe. Bagnall (36), who is currently kipping round his mate Al's, told us: "This will scare the arses off a lot of people but that's not surprising really. It's not every day you find you're going to get crashed into by the sun."

Bagnall first began to suspect something was up after coming home from the pub one night with chips and watching *Armageddon*, but it wasn't until several weeks later when he saw a *Blue Peter* report about global warming that he put two and two together. "People have been playing games since the 1980s which is exactly the same time that global warming happened" said Dave. "That must mean the sun is getting closer, and no one can tell me that's just a co-incidence," he added.

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MARIO PLUMBED MY PIPES



Squeaky clean Nintendo hero Mario had a sordid secret affair with retired dinner lady Gladys Bilgeworth. Bilgeworth (87), a

resident of Portsmouth Home for the Sporadically Confused, claims the affair took place between September 2002 and January 2003.

The news will come as a hammer blow to Princess

Peach who, it had always been assumed, Mario would eventually get it on with. Gladys claimed: "Mushrooms always made him REALLY big!" These revelations will no doubt come as a huge embarrassment. Full story pages 4 to 9.

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